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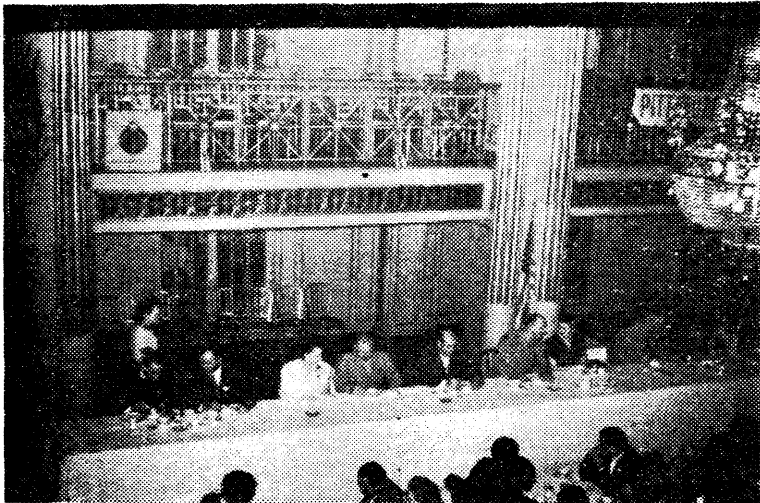
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## LATEST NEW YORK - OHIO BONUS DATA

### ALL ONE HAPPY FAMILY AT REUNION



One of the pictures made by William Hilton, in color, during the banquet at the Second Annual Reunion. Hilton is a hard-working member of Greater Pittsburgh Chapter. Seated left to right at the table are the following Association members and distinguished guests: Father O'Connors, Glenn O. Moore, Mrs. Paul S. Plunkett, General George Smythe, Walter F. Heer, Major General Mantion S. Eddy, Mrs. Henry S. Rigby, Jr., Major General Louis A. Craig at the extreme right is busy conversing with the toastmaster, Judge Rodday Ross, who is not visible in this particular shot. A group picture of the entire gathering taken by Hilton will appear in the next issue.

### 9th INF. DIVISION

AFRICA - SICILY -

CHERBOURG - ST. LO

(Editor's Note: The Octofoil thanks Captain Billy R. Downey, former 39th man, now stationed in Columbus, Ohio, for furnishing the following article taken from the September issue of Recruiting Digest):

By S/Sgt. C. E. ANGLE

On Aug. 1, 1940, at Fort Bragg, N. C., Colonel Charles B. Elliott gathered under his "wings" three Regiments (the 39th, 47th and 60th) of World War I fame, to reactivate the Ninth Infantry Div. "PARTS UNKNOWN"

After 25 months of intensive training, the Ninth, commanded by Maj. General Mantion S. Eddy, strode up the gangplank and sailed for "Parts Unknown."

The Ninth arrived in North Africa on 8th of November, 1942, but for some unknown reason, a strict censorship was placed on their movements. It was not generally known until late in the war that the "Forgotten Men" had spearheaded the landing there and performed, in accordance with the highest traditions of the United States Infantry, throughout the campaign.

#### ANOTHER SPEARHEAD

Leaving Hitler's "Afrika Korps" crushed behind him, General Eddy again formed his Division into a spearhead and pushed it deep into the vitals of the "Krauts" in Sicily. When the job was finished in this land of grapes and wine, the men who wore the tri-colored Octofoil, sailed for England—away from war.

#### ENGLAND WAS HEAVEN

England was heaven to the combat weary Infantry, and for seven months they dated English girls, drank warm beer, smiled at the strange way the Englanders spoke and trained, trained for the

"Big Show" that everyone knew was coming.

#### LONG ROAD

The 9th waded onto the wreckage strewn beach in Normandy and started on the long road to final victory. Earning the name "Hitler's Nemesis" the Ninth cut off the Cherbourg Peninsula, fought through St. Lo, the Falaise Gap and other battles too numerous to mention. In the Battle of the Bulge, Von Runstedt hit them with everything—even the kitchen sink. The Ninth held. From then on it was rough for the Germans. Like a snowball rolling downhill, the Ninth moved forward, capturing towns and "Jerries" until May, when the "Hitlerites" decided they had enough and quit.

#### SURPASSED BY NONE

The Ninth Infantry Division holds an enviable record equaled by few and surpassed by none. Flying from its Battle Flag are eight streamers, for combat participation from North Africa to Germany, with one Invasion Arrowhead. The grateful people of France and Belgium bedecked the Ninth with their Fourragere for the part "Hitler's Nemesis" played in the liberation of their respective countries.

#### "PADDY" FLINT

With the honored dead of this great Division lies Colonel Harry Flint, who was killed in action in July, 1944. "Paddy," as he was affectionately known, was one of the best liked and admired men in the Army; the men of the 39th proudly wore on their helmet the letters "A A A—O" with which the Colonel branded them. Colonel Flint lived up to his slogan of "Anything, Anytime, Anyplace—"

### December Issue Is Last Octofoil Until Dues Paid

Members attending the Second Annual Reunion in Columbus, O., took action making it mandatory that The Octofoil be sent the entire membership for six months after the Reunion.

In conformity with this action the Board of Governors at their last meeting instructed Secretary Tingley to go through the mailing list after the December issue of The Octofoil, which is being mailed now, and to delete the names of all members who had not paid 1947 dues.

You drones who have not paid 1947 dues are getting your last Octofoil at the expense of your dues paying buddies—then off the list you go. Better not put paying your dues off any longer if you want to keep up with your buddies through The Octofoil. Printing costs are up about 30% and the Association can't afford to wet nurse the drones any longer.

### Murgerditchian With School of Technology

Vernon Murgerditchian sends as his address, Vernon Murgerditchian, First Sgt., ASU 3216, ROTC Instructors, Georgia School of Technology, Atlanta, Ga.

In another column of this issue will be found a picture sent to The Octofoil by Vernon. It is a group from the First Plt., Co. G, 60th Inf., and he says he knows the boys will appreciate seeing the picture.

Thanks for your cooperation, Sarge.

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### Glenn Langton Asks About Auto Insignia

In a recent letter from Glenn A. Langton, 2937 Wolff St., Denver, Colo., Glenn states that he would be happy to have a Ninth Division sticker or metal plate for his automobile and feels as though many other members feel the same as he does. What about it, fellows? If sufficient number of members feel the same about the auto insignias as Glenn does, in all probability the Board of Governors will authorize the manufacture of a supply.

Bar Nothing" by dying as he had served—heroically.

#### THE NEW NINTH

Now that the enemies of the United States have been conquered, Major General W. W. Eagles, Commander of the 45th Division from Anzio beachhead until he was wounded by a German mine in Southern France, has assumed command of the Ninth and is shouldering the task of training new men in the art of being "Queens of Battle" so they too may wear the coveted crossed rifles of the Infantry.

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### "THE ARMY TIMES" PRINTS DETAILS CONCERNING BONUS REGULATIONS FOR NEW YORK AND OHIO.

NEW YORK LAW SEEMS INEQUITABLE — WHETHER A SOLDIER SPENT 30 DAYS OR 30 MONTHS IN HELL-HOLES OVERSEAS—BONUS THE SAME.

The following list of questions and answers published recently in The Army Times should be of considerable help to members of the Ninth Infantry Division Association living in either New York State or Ohio.

Both states recently adopted by referendum vote a State Bonus for ex-G. I.s:

#### WHO'S ELIGIBLE IN NEW YORK—

Q. Who is eligible?  
A. All qualified veterans of World War II, including men and women still in service who resided in New York state for at least six months prior to induction and—in the case of veterans—who are residents of New York state at the time of making application for the bonus.

Q. What is meant by "qualified?"

A. A veteran is "qualified" who served in the armed forces for any length of time between Dec. 7, 1941, and Sept. 2, 1945, inclusive, and who was separated from service under honorable conditions.

Q. How is the size of the bonus computed?

A. Veterans who served less than 60 days in this country are entitled to \$50; veterans who served any longer period but did not go overseas are entitled to \$150; veterans who served overseas for any period of time are entitled to \$250.

Q. Who else besides veterans can collect the bonus?

A. Payments on the same basis as above are made to the next-of-kin of veterans who died on active duty between December, 1941 and September 2, 1945, and who would themselves have been eligible for the bonus or to the next-of-kin of those who died on active duty after Sept. 2, 1945, or after separation under honorable conditions while a resident of New York and before payment of the bonus.

Q. When and where may application be made?

A. Applications can be made after January 1, 1948, and not before, at the Bonus Bureau in the State Tax Department at Albany, New York.

#### WHO'S ELIGIBLE IN OHIO

Q. Who is eligible?  
A. All qualified veterans of World War II, including men and women still in service who resided in Ohio at least one year immediately preceding entry into service.

Q. What is meant by "qualified?"

A. A veteran is "qualified" who served in the armed forces for at least 90 days between Dec. 7, 1941, and Sept. 2, 1945, inclusive, and who was discharged under honorable circumstances, provided he is still not in service. (Note: Time spent in penal confinement will not be credited to a veteran's service for purposes of computing the bonus.)

Q. How is the size of the bonus computed?

A. The bonus will be computed on the basis of \$10 for each month of domestic service and \$15 for each month of service overseas, the total in no individual case to exceed \$400.

Q. Who else besides veterans can collect the bonus?

A. The next-of-kin of veterans whose death was service-connected and occurred in line of duty are entitled to the full \$400 maximum regardless of the length of service of the deceased.

Q. When and where can application be made?

A. The machinery for paying the bonus has not yet been set up completely, and Governor Thomas J. Herbert warns that actual payments probably can't be started for another four months. Further information may be obtained, however, from Courtney E. Kirby, Commissioner of Soldiers' Claims, Wyandotte Bldg., Columbus 15, Ohio.

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### ROBB SAYS WE CAN HELP FORMER 9TH MEN MANY WAYS

In response to a request made by the Columbus Chapter of the Ninth Infantry Division Association, requesting the Association provide floral pieces for the buddies being returned to this country for final burial, Colonel Robb has some very worthwhile opinions to register which are self-explanatory and read as follows:

My Dear Tingley:

I have at hand Paul Plunkett's communication to all members of the Board of Governors, with reference to the Columbus Chapter's desire that a floral piece be sent to the burial place of each of our returned war dead.

Plunkett points out that this gesture would be very expensive. I say that if our Association ever has that much money available, we should honor the dead by helping the living. I am sure that as time goes by, there will be many opportunities for us to render needed assistance to former Division men and to the families of those who have passed on. Such help is a finer tribute to our dead than a few flowers placed on a grave today.

Sincerely,

ROBERT W. ROBB.

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### A New Arrival At the Merrill I. Perry Home

A short announcement but to the point comes from Merrill I. Perry, formerly of Cannon Co., 39th Inf., now living at Wapato, Wash. The card reads:

Announcing the arrival of Nancy Jean Perry.

Weight: 9 lbs., 5½ ounces.

Date: October 21, 1947.

Parents: Merrill and Frances Perry.

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Extract from the certificate of incorporation of the Ninth Infantry Division Association: "This Association is formed by the officers and men of the Ninth Infantry Division in order to perpetuate the memory of our fallen comrades, to preserve the esprit de corps of the Division, to assist in promoting an everlasting world peace exclusively by means of educational activities and to serve as an information bureau to members and former members of the Division."

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## NOW IS THE TIME TO PREPARE

(Reprinted from October issue Army Information Digest.)

By MAJOR GENERAL MANTON S. EDDY,  
Chief of Information, United States Army

Any reader of the report of the President's Advisory Commission on Universal Training (the "Compton Commission" report) and of news items appearing in the public press, realizes that we as a Nation are in a critical period in our relations with other world powers. Military personnel have a peculiar and legitimate interest in the outcome of this crisis.

It is the mission of the Army to be prepared at all times to meet any contingency presented to it by the Congress or the President. This places upon each of us heavy and immediate responsibilities. One of those responsibilities—one that brooks no delay—is to participate actively in the Army's information program. This program, if prosecuted with vigor, may help to forestall armed conflict. If the public knows and understands the military problems that confront us and the limitations of our strength today; if it acts wisely on this knowledge; if it develops our military and industrial potential, and thus enables us to uphold the foreign policy of the country, there is good reason to believe the war may not come in our time. It is up to us to give the public, frankly and without bias, the military facts on which to base its decision; and we should not hesitate to give our evaluation of those facts. The public should have the benefit of our professional advice. That is what they expect of us.

Not only the public but the troops, too, must have a clear understanding of these problems. This is true for two reasons: first, because one of the most effective ways of informing the public is through their family members who are in uniform; and second, because the soldier of today is an intelligent citizen who wants to know what problems his Army and his Nation are facing. He will be a better soldier for knowing.

There is a further reason for intensification of the Army Information Program at this time. We must face the possibility of having to train great numbers of civilians in a profession about which they know little—either through Universal Military Training or Selective Service or some other system established by the Congress in an emergency. This may have to be done with considerable rapidity. In any case, if war should come and if we would avoid the confusions of mobilization for World War II, it must be done wisely and effectively. It should be done against a background of military knowledge which many thousands of officers have had little opportunity to acquire. Many of us still have much to learn. If we are to give recruits the professional knowledge that makes for pride of outfit, we must ourselves become active students, often on our own time, of the organization and functioning of the Army, of professional opportunities in the Army of today, of military policy and military history.

This concerns not only officers charged with conducting troop information periods; it may concern any of us, officers and enlisted men alike. Troop information officers, charged with planning programs and materials, will need the assistance of considerable numbers of officers and enlisted men, chosen from among those who heretofore have been merely interested listeners and participants in troop discussions.

Of one thing we may be sure, that the information program—both for the public and the troops—will be an integral part of any future mobilization. At that time, whether or not the public has confidence in the Army will depend, in great measure, upon the information it has been given by commanders and their public information staffs. If we lose public support by default, we shall have only ourselves to blame.

None of us know when war will come again. Maybe in the next generation; maybe next year; maybe never. The initiative lies with an enemy. I do not wish to be an alarmist. My point is that, through intensive application now we may be able to fend off a national emergency later; and in any case we will not be caught off base in our technical preparation if the tragic disaster of another world war should descend upon us. We must continually hope for the best, and prepare for the worst. No other estimate of the situation is militarily sound.

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## A Typical Drone - - - - - By Plunkett



Give him hell, Toots. He knew when he didn't pay his dues the Association couldn't send any more Octofoils.

## APPLICATION BLANK

Give the coupon below to a fellow-member of the Division. Better yet, fill it out for the new member of The Association and then let him sign it in your presence. Remember!!! Every member gets a new member in 1947 and 1948.

There are now two types of membership in the Ninth Infantry Division Association:

1. By paying an initiation fee of five dollars (\$5.00) you will be entitled to membership for the current year, issuance of a membership card and lapel button and the monthly publication for one year. This type of membership does not entitle you to a copy of the Division History. You would have to purchase such at the time of publication.

2. By paying an initiation fee of ten dollars (\$10.00) you will be entitled to all the benefits as stated above, plus a copy of the Division History, which we will mail to you as soon as it is completed. Annual dues in the Association amount to three dollars and fifty cents (\$3.50) per year, which includes the cost of the monthly publication.

Note: Make check or money order payable to the Secretary-Treasurer, The Ninth Infantry Division Association, P. O. Box 1704, Washington (13), D. C.

Enclosed herewith is \$10.00 in check—money order (cross out one) to cover initiation fee for membership in the Ninth Infantry Division Association, of which amount sixty (\$0.60) is for one year's subscription to "The Octofoil." This \$10.00 initiation fee also entitles me to a copy of the Division History.

(DATE)  
My present address is: (Please print or typewrite.)

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
LAST FIRST MIDDLE

R.F.D. or Street \_\_\_\_\_

City and State \_\_\_\_\_

My address while with the Ninth Infantry Division was: \_\_\_\_\_

Rank and Name \_\_\_\_\_

Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed herewith is \$5.00 in check or money order (cross out one) to cover initiation fee for membership in the Ninth Infantry Division Association, of which amount sixty cents (\$0.60) is for a year's subscription to "The Octofoil." I understand that this initiation fee does NOT entitle me to a copy of the Division History.

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Rank and Name \_\_\_\_\_

Organization \_\_\_\_\_

(Signature) \_\_\_\_\_

## Heer Co. Sending Out History Dope

The F. J. Heer Printing Co., publishers of the Ninth Division History, "Eight Stars to Victory," is in process of sending out a circular advertising the book. Copies of this advertisement are being sent to all members of the Ninth Infantry Division Association, irrespective of the fact that such members have paid their \$10.00 initiation fee which entitles them to a copy without further charge. This is being done for advertisement purposes only, the thought being that some of the members that have paid their \$10.00 membership fee might want extra copies and if so they can reply to this circular and obtain such. Copies of this are also being sent to all next of kin, although they are entitled to a free copy but it was felt that some of them might also want extra copies and if so they can write in for them.

### NON-MEMBERS

Also, this circular is being sent to all non-members of the Association and such persons desiring copies can send their check in to the F. J. Heer Printing Company, Columbus, Ohio, using the handy subscription blank on the last page of the circular.

### ATTENTION \$5 MEMBERS

All members of the Association who only paid \$5.00 initiation fee will have to write in for their copy, enclosing the sum of \$5.00 to cover the cost.

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## PHILLY LAD STILL PLANNING FOR THE MOTHERS IN JULY

### MR. "ANONYMOUS" SENDS IN HIS BUCK FOR THE ENTERTAINMENT AT PHILLY.

For the fourth consecutive month The Octofoil has received a letter containing a \$1 from one of the Philadelphia members who prefers to continue to be known as "Mr. Anonymous." The purpose of the Philadelphia lad's contributions is to guarantee a fund for the entertainment of Gold Star Mothers and Dads attending the Philadelphia Reunion.

In his most recent letter he advises he is contacting various chapters with a plea that they co-operate with him in this wholesome campaign.

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## Mother Wants Some Facts Regarding Son

CANDILL, 1st Lt. Darwin, Co. C, 9th Med. Bn., APO 9; killed in Roetgen, Germany December 3, 1944. Shortly before his death, mother received pictures of Candill with Captains W. J. Spurlin, Perish and Floyd. Letters from or about these men or details of her son's service and death are anxiously awaited by Mrs. J. D. Candill, Lowmansville, Ky.

The above notice appeared in the November 1, 1947, issue of Army Times. Certainly some member of the Association is in position to write this mother a few lines.

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## A HISTORY REPORT THAT SOUNDS O. K.

BALTIMORE, Md. — (Special to The Octofoil.)—The preliminary draft text of the Ninth Division History, "Eight Stars to Victory," is fast shaping up, according to information received from the Association's History Committee. It is estimated that by the end of November, over three-fourths of this text will be completed and in the hands of committee members for checking. On November 4th, more than 94,000 words of the proposed 180,000 had been released from the historian's office for further editing and proofing.

Believing that many members of the Ninth Division Assn. will desire more than the one copy which is being sent to each member without further charge, the F. J. Heer Company of Columbus, Ohio, publishers, are mailing a three-color prospectus to all former Ninth Division personnel who want extra histories for themselves, families or friends.

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# ANOTHER INSTALMENT, P.O.W.'S DIARY

**MEMBERS FROM COAST TO COAST SAY THEY ENJOY DIARY AND ARE MAKING SCRAP BOOKS OF CONTENTS.**

**WOJTAS' ABILITY TO KEEP HIS MIND OCCUPIED AND TO RECORD THE HAPPENINGS TAKING PLACE IN THE HELL HOLES HE OCCUPIED IS MOST REMARKABLE.**

Vic J. Wojtas bears his innermost thoughts while a P.O.W. in this amazing document. Any of Vic's buddies desiring to write him should address him at 1729 N. Wood St., Chicago, Ill., not 1702 N. Wood St., as previously published.

## JUST FOR TODAY

Lord, for tomorrow, and its needs I do not pray;



Keep me, my God, from stain or sin, just for today.

Let me both diligently work and duly pray; Let me be kind in word and deed just for today.

Let me be slow to do my will, prompt to obey; Help me to mortify my flesh just for today.

Let me no wrong or idle word unthinkingly say; Set Thou a seal upon my lips—Just for today.

Let me, in season, Lord, be grave, in season gay; Let me be faithful to Thy grace—Just for today.

And if today my life should ebb away, Give me Thy sacraments divine, Sweet Lord, today.

In Purgatory's cleansing fires brief be my stay; Oh, bid me, if today I die, go home today.

So, for tomorrow and its needs I do not pray; But keep me, guide me, love me, Lord, just for today.

## THOUGHTS AT SEA

Onward we sailed through the night, Bobbing and tossing, till it got light.

Automatically we changed our course, To avoid the "subs" that were waiting for us.

What a happy day— Yes, we saw land, and not far away.

But little did we know that sunny day, How soon the human blood would flow away.

The hot sand turned red, from the wounded and dead, Bullets still flying past my head.

The battle continued, and I'm tempted to say: We were outnumbered—what a pitiful day.

We were surrounded, although we could have fled, But we maintained our position—and were captured instead.

## MEMORIAL DAY . . .

### STALAG III-B

I  
It's beautiful, it's sacred, it's just, it's right  
To set aside this day and in a body unite  
To commemorate those who have died in fight  
For freedom, for justice, with all their might.

### II

We know what they suffered as they waited to die;  
We saw our buddies wounded, but never a cry;

We buried the dead; each time we'd sigh,  
There, but for the grace of God lay I.

### III

This brings us closer, this Memorial Day,  
To those in Flanders, on whom poppies lay;  
It's the closest we've been; Oh, God we pray,  
Eternal peace on them; may they be happy and gay.

### IV

We miss them now, more than ever before,  
Because some friends of ours have joined their corps;  
They're recruits in Heaven; perhaps they'll roar,  
But they are soldiers, true blue, and some more.

### V

Into your hands, you fellows of old  
We direct our buddies, so don't treat them cold;  
You should have seen them fight, so brave, so bold;  
They fought to the end—a sight to behold.

### VI

We close with a prayer—it comes from the heart:  
Our Father in Heaven with blessings impart,  
Are those brave men you knew from the start,  
Have mercy on them, may their penance depart.

—Ed Murphy, P.O.W.

## REMEMBRANCES . . .

Attended Admiral Darlan's funeral as a Guard of Honor on Sunday, 22 December 1942, Port Lyautey, French Morocco.

Witnessed the arrival of President Roosevelt into Port Lyautey, French Morocco, on 23 January 1943.

Received three cartons of cigarettes on 6 October 1943.

Received another three cartons of cigarettes on 12 October 1943.

Received two letters from J. Depa, dated 7 July and another dated 12 July 1943. Received on 11 October 1943.

The above was the first mail received since 2 March 1943.

Received the first letter from home dated 27 June, on 26 October 1943.

Received the second letter from home dated 19 August on 6 November 1943.

Received the third letter from Jennie dated 17 August, on 9 November 1943.

## WISE REFLECTIONS

In judging others a man labors in vain, often errs and easily sins; but in judging and in looking into himself, he always labors with fruit.

We blame little things in others and pass over great things in others.

The glory of a good man is the testimony of a good conscience.  
/ Whilst thou hast time, heap up to thyself riches, that will never die, think of nothing but thy salvation; care for nothing but the things of God because thou hast not here a lasting city.

Trust the past to the mercy of God, the present to His love, the future to His providence.

## NO RED CROSS HELP

From 1 June to 16 July we didn't receive Red Cross parcels. Existed with a bowl of soup at noon and supper a piece of bread and potatoes.

## NO GOOD KRAUTS

A good German is a dead German. A good German is a dead German. A GOOD GERMAN

## IS A DEAD GERMAN.

The GERM of the World. BARBARIANS

Hear ye! Hear ye! Hear ye! The following took place on 12 November at Stalag III-B:

A German sentry shot a defenseless Russian Prisoner of War. Reason: For stepping out of ranks to pick up a cigarette butt.

Have quite a few German atrocities to mention but fear to because of confiscation of my booklet.

Just remember that a good German is a dead German!

Incidentally, the Russian P.O.W. died a half hour after the sentry shot him.

Nice people—the German Rats, or Snakes.

## MEMOS OF MAKNASSY

The following took place in Maknassy, Tunisia, between 20-22 March 1943:

The first to die in the Battle of Tunisia was Sgt. Ed Gilmore. He died in the first day of the battle when we went into the assault. He stepped on an activated teller mine.

The second to die was Lieut. Dennison. He met his fate a few minutes later, the same way, by the unseen enemy, the land mine.

The third to die was Pfc. Love. He died in the second day of battle when he tried to dig his fox hole deeper. A German sniper shot him through the neck.

The fourth to die was S/Sgt. Clio Roberts. He met his fate by the unseen enemy, the land mine.

The fifth to die was the company commander, Capt. DeGurse. He died when he went into the second assault, riddled with machine gun bullets across the chest and head.

The sixth to die was a medic, Pvt. W. May. He was killed when he went to the aid of Lt. A. DeDecker, who was wounded.

## WOUNDED

The first to be wounded was Pvt. Susko, from my platoon. He stepped on an activated land mine on the night of the attack.

The second to be wounded was Sgt. Carpenter. On the afternoon of the second day he was wounded by machine gun fire, which caught him in both legs.

The third to be wounded was Lt. DeDecker. Machine gun fire hit him in the hips and ankles. I was less than 15 yards from him when he was wounded. Pvt. May was killed trying to give first aid to Lt. DeDecker.

The fourth to be wounded was either Pfc. Tylutki or Pfc. Joe Parker, from my Machine Gun Section. It took place in the first assault when in position with their machine gun and wounded either one or both of them.

The fifth to be wounded was Pfc. Schauf. Wounded in the neck by rifle fire in the assault.

## BACK TO P.O.W. THOUGHTS

Received the fourth letter from J. D., dated 27 July, on 12 November, 1943, with three snapshots.

On 25 October witnessed an air raid over Berlin and surrounding territory. Raid lasted from five to six hours—1943.

Received fifth letter from J. D., dated 5 August, on 18 November. Another air raid on Berlin and surrounding territory on the night of 18 November.

## HUMOR

Adults: Most adults are people who have stopped growing at both ends, but not in the middle.

(Next month's issue of Vic's diary outlines still more gruesome details relative to the inhuman characteristics of the Krauts. Shooting a defenseless prisoner because he uttered a few syllables in his native Polish language is just one of the many incidents he mentions.)  
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## GO DEVILS MEET THE RUSSIANS

Martin Becker, 403 Rockaway Parkway, Brooklyn 12, N. Y., sends The Octofoil five interesting photos which arrived a little late for this issue. One or two of the pictures best adapted for processing into cuts will be used next month.

Martin says he'd like to hear from any of the boys from M Co., 60th, or from the 9th M. P. Co. fellows.

Thanks, Becker, for the photos and for your story on "Go Devils Meet Russians." The photos will be returned after the next issue. "GO DEVILS MEET RUSSIANS"

### By Martin Becker

I was chosen to go on a patrol to meet the Russians on the morning of 26 April, 1945. The patrol consisted of four jeeps. The first three had 30-caliber heavy machine guns mounted and the last jeep was the radio jeep. I was in the lead jeep along with 1st Lt. Pembroke. We started out patrolling towns that hadn't been occupied by either Americans or Jerries.

### CAPTURE 2,000

That first day this patrol alone captured about 2,000 prisoners. They were all captured in this one town. We took plenty of pistols, rifles, machine-carbines, machine pistols and other automatic weapons from these prisoners. I picked up a machine-carbine and went Jerry hunting. I went into a courtyard and there were 196 Jerries. I told an officer to get all his men up and to throw all their weapons into a wagon, and to march into the town square. I brought them to where we had the other prisoners assembled, which was a park in the center of the town. The other members of the patrol were also leading in prisoners from various sections of the town.

### CIVILIANS GRABBING

Civilians were standing all around, grabbing food and bicycles from our prisoners. After all the prisoners were disarmed and assembled, a head count was taken, they were then lined up, and was marched back, headed by Pfc. Paul Buchy, to the Moulde River, where the division had an outpost.

### START AGAIN

After that we started out on the patrol again. All along the road we met more Jerries, disarmed them, and sent them back on the road to the division's outpost. During the day we met some men from the Armored Recon Group. We asked them to come along with us, and they took the lead. We kept on patrolling towns, and then after leaving a town, we were riding on an open road, when all of a sudden, the first M8 got hit, then the second, the third and then one jeep. We then heard Jerry machine guns open up on us. We started back in a hurry. Our jeep couldn't turn around, so the driver shifted in reverse and we took off.

### GO TO SLEEP

We then entered a town and went to sleep. At 2245, we were awakened and went back over the Moulde River Bridge to Regiment Rear, and went to sleep. The next morning at 0900 we started our patrol again. We went along the same road and passed the place where the M8s were knocked out. By this time it was 1830 hours. That whole day we went through towns instructing the mayors of the towns to tell the people to keep off the streets after 1800 hours.

### DEBATE WHETHER TO GO ON

Along the road where the M8s were knocked out we found the spot where the Jerry tank was when it hit the M8s. It was here that the officers debated whether to go ahead or to turn back. It was decided by Major Swilling to go ahead.

### FLEE FROM RUSSIANS

All along the road we met civilians who were fleeing from the Russians, so we knew we were close. We were about to enter the town of Euzuth, when we saw four people on bicycles coming towards us. We couldn't make out who they were until they were about 15 yards in front of us. We then saw they were Russian soldiers.

### QUITE A THRILL

We jumped out of our jeeps and ran to meet them. I was in the lead jeep and was one of the

first to greet them. It was quite a thrill. We gave them candy and cigarettes and took pictures. We took them in our jeeps and they showed us where their CP was located, which was in the town of Pratau, near the Elbe River. When we got there, we were greeted by their C.O. and by the rest of their outfit. While we were taking more pictures, the news of our meeting was radioed into Division CP.

### EAT AND DRINK

The celebration then started. We ate and drank in the street until it started to get dark. They then set up outposts around the town. After an exhibition by the Russians in setting up an anti-tank gun, drawn by horses, and firing of their machine guns, and a Russian soldier firing one of our carbines that had a green flare up into the air, some of us found a nice house and went to bed.

### PARTY AT 0200

The next morning we learned from our officers, that they were awakened at 0200 hours and were escorted across the Elbe River, to attend a party given by high Russian officers celebrating this momentous occasion. We went into the street and was met by some high Russian officers, one was wearing a Gold Star, which is similar to our CMH. They asked us if we had our breakfast and we said we did, but an officer said if we did, we should be drunk. He then told us that at 1200 hours there would be a large party given in our honor, and it sure was.

### KRAUT RESTAURANT

It was held in a large German restaurant. The tables were all set up with dishes and glasses.

When everyone was seated, a Russian officer stood up and everybody drank a toast to our meeting. The meal was swell, and there was plenty to drink. Lt. Ycuorski, an American officer, acted as interpreter.

Later in the afternoon arrangements were made for a meeting of our Regt. CO, and their Regt. CO. We then escorted them to the town of Radis (the meeting place). There was a large celebration and the Russian Colonel was wearing a Ninth Division patch which was sewed on by Major Swilling.

When the meeting and celebration was over, we escorted them back to Pratau; we then started back toward the Moulde River to Division Rear.

### NEVER TO BE FORGOTTEN

We were greeted by the company on 29 April, 1945, and told them of our experiences and the meeting with the Russians. It was something that I shall never forget in all my life.

## IN "LIMEY" ATMOSPHERE



Another of Lt. Nunn's pictures. This one was taken at Alresford, England and shows left to right: Lt. Nunn, First Sgt. Sullivan, Lt. Bowles. The "praying" corporal was not identified.

## SERGEANT NEAL VISITS OCTOFOIL

Just as the pressmen were registering the page forms for this issue of The Octofoil in walks Sgt. Charles E. Neal, an old Recon man from Mt. Sterling, Ohio, who is now stationed at Fort Knox, Ky., with 2128th ASU Hdqtrs. Sec.

Neal says he wants to hear from some old Recon men. He is on a 12-day furlough—and did not know the Good Old Ninth had an Association until a Columbus newspaper reporter give him The Octofoil address. The Sarge says he knows the Association will have a lot more members once they learn we are functioning.  
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# ILLINOIS STATE REUNION NEXT MARCH

## COLUMBUS CHAPTER IS WORKING CLOSELY WITH THE NEXT OF KIN

Secretary Charles O. Tingley recently advised the Columbus Chapter of the Ninth Infantry Division Association of 36 former Ohio Ninth men killed in action whose bodies had arrived in the United States for final burial.

Glenn O. Moore, president; Richard Pestel, vice-president, and David Boring, secretary of the Columbus Chapter, called a special meeting just a few hours after Secretary Tingley's message reached Columbus.

Bodies were going to some localities so far removed from Columbus it was almost a physical impossibility for a Columbus member to visit. Some former Ninth man was contacted in all of these towns but three. These former Ninth men were sent a form letter advising the name of the KIA being shipped to each particular town and the name and address of the next-of-kin. The former 9th man contacted was asked to call on the next-of-kin and in the name of all former Ninth men in Ohio to pay his respects and offer any help the next-of-kin desired.

The few towns where no former Ninth man could be located, a letter was sent to the Post Commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and he was asked to represent Ohio Ninth Division men.

### RESULTS AMAZING

The Ninth Spirit is still with those boys who received the letters. They did as requested nobly. Also did the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

### VFW WRITES

A letter from H. R. Myer, 1019 Andrew Ave., Massillon, O., reads as follows:

Dear Comrade Glenn O. Moore: Your bulletin of October 29, '47, having reached my hands I have forwarded same to Mrs. LaPort, Rt. 1, No. Lawrence, O. Also a copy of this reply.

The body of Sgt. LaPort will be cared for through the Arnold Lynch Funeral Home, assisted by this Commission, as per your request.

H. R. MYER.

## George Knost Prompt In Offering His Help

George E. Knost, a former 9th man, now living at 46 S. Washington St., New Bremen, Ohio, promptly answered his form letter thusly:

Dear Sir: Enclosed find letter received from you today.

Checked with postoffice and several other places and found there is no one living here by the name of Mrs. Mary Schmeltzer, next-of-kin. Please note that you have her address as "Bremen, O., and not "New Bremen," so I feel sure she lives in Bremen.

If I can be of any further help at this or any time later I shall be glad to assist you in any way possible.

GEORGE E. KNOST,  
46 S. Washington St., New Bremen, O. (Note new address.)

Through the promptness of George's answer the committee's mistake was discovered in plenty of time to contact the next-of-kin and a former Ninth man was located in Bremen.

### SECY. TINGLEY ON THE BALL

Secretary Charles O. Tingley's efficiency and courtesy has made it possible for the Columbus Chapter to likewise operate efficiently in contacting the next-of-kin of our deceased buddies. The last letter from Secretary Tingley advised he was working for a few days at the Pentagon checking over about 1,000 names for addresses of next-of-kin.

What other Division Association has such an efficient and smoothly operating organization? Let's keep it that way, fellows. For God's sake pay '48

### FAVORS THE 9TH BOYS



SGT. PAUL R. ROBERTS

dues so we can continue to set a pace that no other Division Association can hope to follow.

### GEN. EDDY HELPFUL

Major General Manton S. Eddy writing on the subject of the returned war dead advises the Columbus members on these pertinent facts:

Dear Paul:

"At the present time announcement of the arrival of bodies is not being made until after the ship sails. I believe this is understandable. Often last minute things happen to prevent the shipment of the remains of some soldier and if his family is notified and the remains do not arrive, the Army is open to great criticism.

"Shipments from ports of debarkation will take anywhere from a week to a month before the remains reach their final destination. This is due to the fact all bodies are being shipped on regular funeral trains with proper escorts and only a certain number of these are available.

"I am looking into this matter further and will give Tingley any additional information I am able to get. With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

M. S. EDDY,

Major General, G.S.C., Chief of Information.

### ZANESVILLE POST HELPFUL

Under date of November 10, 1947, The Octofoil received the following letter from George Selsam Post, No. 1058, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Zanesville, O.: Paul S. Plunkett, Editor, Octofoil, Columbus, Ohio.

Dear Comrade: Your letter of recent date has been handed to me and I wish to inform you that the parents of our deceased Comrade Karl Klinger have been informed that his body has arrived in New York.

George Selsam Post No. 1058, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Zanesville, Ohio, have everything in readiness to take charge of the body upon its arrival in this city.

I want to thank you for calling my attention to this matter and if at any time in the future, we can be of any assistance to the Ninth Infantry Division Association, we will gladly do so.

Yours in comradeship,

ROY T. FINLEY, Commander.

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## Albert Lee Living In the Old Hoosier State

Information reaches The Octofoil that Albert Lee lives at 822 Maple St., Columbus, Ind., and is happily married. Al is marking time until "Eight Stars to Victory" is off the press and would like to hear from some of his old buddies.

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GET A NEW MEMBER IN '48!

## SGT. PAUL ROBERTS A REAL HELP TO COLUMBUS GROUP

Sgt. Paul R. Roberts, Columbus, O., U. S. Army Recruiting Officer, and a former combat infantryman, has worked for the past several weeks with the Columbus Chapter of the Ninth Infantry Division Association. Sgt. Roberts has accompanied the 9th men night after night with his motion picture equipment, showing the Ninth Division combat films the Columbus unit secured through the courtesy of our first vice-president, Maj. Gen. Donald A. Stroh.

On several occasions the sergeant showed the films after having put on shows in four or five different neighboring towns during the day. Called away from his family on Sundays to show the films to various civic organizations he never squawked.

The Columbus group wants to publicly thank Sgt. Roberts for his wonderful co-operation.

He has been temporarily transferred to Camp Campbell, Ky.

The sarge says he has read and re-read every issue of The Octofoil and feels as though he is a part of the Ninth Division—and if he had his way he would get into the new Ninth now at Fort Dix.

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## Irv Feinberg "Sounds Off" When No Paper

Irving Feinberg is living at 1342 Fteley Ave., Bronx 60, N. Y. He'd like to hear from any of his old buddies and doesn't like the idea of Uncle Sam failing to deliver his last month's Octofoil.

It's hard to explain how on rare occasions some member fails to get an Octofoil when their names and addresses appear perfectly proper on the Addressograph plates. But when this does happen the members should do as Irving and mail a complaint postal card in right away.

### POLLARD MISSED HIS

A complaint similar to Feinberg's was received from Charles A. Pollard, Jr., 217 W. Croft St., Greenville, S. C. Both have been mailed back issues and the complaint called to the attention of the Addressograph firm.

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## James Ward Seeking Some Former Buddies

Dear Sirs: I've read The Octofoil every month and I am always waiting for the next issue. And I'm anxiously waiting for "Eight Stars to Victory." I know they can't be printed in a day. I work in a printing shop and know some of the preparatory details. But when the history is finished I know it can only be the BEST—as the ones who made it possible to have such a book are no longer with us.

### SEEKS ANTI-TANK MEN

I've often watched The Octofoil for mention of fellows from the Hdqtrs. Anti-Tank Plt., of the 60th. The only one I've made contact with is Dale Smith, from Indiana. I went from my home to the New York Chapter to see if I could locate any of the fellows I know. I met a couple that I knew slightly. If any of your fellows want to write or come visit with me the address is as follows:

James Ward, Box 192,  
17 River Avenue,  
Cornwall-on-Hudson, N. Y.

### NEW ARRIVAL

I'd like to make the Philadelphia Reunion. But am not sure yet. I am now a married man—bought my own home and have an addition in the family, two months old, weighs 9 pounds and named Barbara Ann Ward. When feeding time comes it's just like old times—having to get up for a guard mount. Hope to hear from some of the old gang.—J.W.

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## SECOND VICE-PRES. WALTER MAHON SUBBING FOR CLOUSER WHILE HE IS IN SCHOOL.

### TENTATIVE PLANS ARE MADE CALLING FOR STATE-WIDE BUSINESS MEETING, FOLLOWED BY A BANQUET—CLOUSER CANVASSING LOWER PART OF STATE.

Indications are that before President Rigby sounds his gavel in Philadelphia convening the Third Annual Reunion of the Ninth Infantry Division Association the Illinois Chapter will be a factor to "write home about."

## DICK CORBIN IS ON THE POLICE FORCE

The latest member to be signed up by the Columbus Chapter of the Ninth Infantry Division Association is Richard Corbin, formerly of the 15th Engrs., Co. B. Dick is on the Columbus (O.) Police Force and is well-liked by his fellow officers.

He advises The Octofoil he hopes to hear from a lot of his old buddies through his membership in the Association, and promises to answer any and all letters from former buddies. He lives at 140 E. 8th Ave., Columbus, Ohio. Some of you guys surprise him and drop a few lines or better still if ever passing through Columbus look him up at the hoose-gow. He has that Ninth spirit—and is a swell guy to talk to any time—whether in character or not—but he might be a good fellow to know in more ways than one. Savvy?

"EXPECTING"

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## Francis Wolman Still Trying to Locate His 899th Tk. Bn. Crew

Dear Sir: After looking from cover to cover of this month's Octofoil I still find nothing of the 899th T. D. Bn. I know for a fact that Captain Turner and myself are not the only members.

T. D.'s ALL "AWOL"

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### WHERE'S GALLAWAY?

How about you Gallaway, one of the biggest fraternizers and wolves who ever crossed the ocean. Remember our trips across the Austrian line?

Let's go T. D.'s, sound off.  
FRANCES H. WOLMAN,  
74 Hillside Ave., Edwardsville, Pennsylvania.

Wolman wrote a poem while in England and dedicated it to his mother who passed away shortly before he entered the service. The inspiring thoughts read as follows:

MOM  
My dear Mom has gone away,  
Into the land of joy,  
Where I hope and always pray  
To be her soldier boy.

Mom was sweet and always true,  
A smile upon her lips—  
A word of caution to you and me  
And other little tips.

I miss my mother on her day,  
Her only day of rest—  
But she's gone away to stay  
Where only go the best.

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Q—I would like to appear before the Veterans Administration rating board to explain my application for compensation. Will VA pay my traveling expenses?

A—No. All expenses you may incur going to or from a Veterans Administration rating board must be borne by you.

October 24 the Illinois Chapter held a meeting to show the combat films and better than 150 members were in attendance.

Walter Mahon has been selected as chairman of the committee to make the proper arrangements for a state-wide gathering to be held in Chicago March 27, 1948.

## CLOUSER, ILLINOIS PREXY, A BUSY LAD—IN COLLEGE

John Clouser, president of the Illinois Chapter is now attending Illinois College at Jacksonville, Ill. Clouser says he's burning a lot of midnight oil trying to keep his marks on a par with those youngsters down that way and if it wasn't for having such a stalwart supporter to fall back on as Walt Mahon has proven himself to be he's a little bit afraid the Illinois Chapter wouldn't be progressing the way in which it is.

### TO UTILIZE VACATION

Clouser says he hopes to be able to utilize his Thanksgiving vacation by contacting many former Ninth men who are living in the central part of Illinois.

### TO HOLD STATE MEETING

The October meeting of the Board of Managers of the Illinois Chapter was held on October 24, 1947.

At this meeting the coming annual state meeting was discussed. It was decided to hold the meeting in Chicago on March 27, 1948. This is the last Saturday in March. As a tentative program for the meeting it was decided to hold a business meeting in the afternoon and have a banquet and dance in the evening.

The committees appointed so far are: Walter Mahon, general chairman; Herb Waples, entertainment, and John Thornton, publicity.

As the program is developed more announcements will appear in The Octofoil regularly.

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## LeRoy Swisher Back In States; Wants to Keep His Contacts

The following letter recently received from LeRoy Swisher, is self-explanatory:

Dear Sirs: After my discharge from the Ninth in February, 1946, I worked with the occupational forces until one month ago. When I reached home I found The Octofoil was being sent to me regularly. Before being discharged, while Division Headquarters was in Ingolstadt I paid \$10 for my initiation fee. Check up and find out how much my dues amount to.

I want information about the forthcoming Reunion and our history. It was a great surprise to find those Octofoils awaiting me and I appreciate it.

I am a former member of Co. C, 60th and of Div. Hdqtrs. I joined the Division as a replacement on July 18, 1944, just a day or so after St. Lo.

LEROY SWISHER,  
3911 W. 10th Ave., Gary, Ind.

(Editor's Note: Reading a letter like Swisher's should make a lot of you fellows feel pretty bad—those who have let your buddy pay both his and your "freight" in operating the Association. What about those dues?)

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Q—During what period must a World War II veteran have served to become eligible for the educational benefits of the G. I. Bill of Rights?

A—From September 16, 1940, through July 25, 1947.



# "LOST" GUYS MAY NOT RECEIVE HISTORY

**THEY WILL PROBABLY BE THE LOUDEST BELLY-ACHERS WHEN THEY DO NOT GET THEIR HISTORY.**

**ANOTHER S.O.S. CALL FOR HELP IN SECURING PROPER ADDRESSES FOR SOME THOUGHTLESS MEMBERS WHO FAILED TO ADVISE OF NEW ADDRESS.**

The Ninth Division Association list of "lost" members is beginning to reach serious proportions. Printed below will be noted many more who will not receive a copy of the history unless Secy. Tingley is advised of their new address:

- John S. Andrews, 421 N. Geneva St., Ithaca, N. Y. (Capt., Hq. Co., 60th)
- Timothy M. Andrysiak, Station Hospital, Ft. George G. Meade, Md. (Capt., Div Hq)
- Andrew T. Argeanas, 843 18th St., Richmond, Calif. (39th)
- Rubert E. Baine, 4300 E. Princess Ann Rd., Norfolk, Va. (T/Sgt 39th)
- Paul Banaszek, Oakville, Ill. (Pfc., 47th)
- Marvin L. Bannister, 823 Seventh Ave., SE, Moultrie, Ga. (T/Sgt, 376th AAA)
- Elbert T. Barber, Belfot, N. Y. (Pvt.)
- Robert L. Barber, 515 W. Oak, Mayfield, Ky. (T-5, 34th FA)
- Graner B. Barh, Baysi, Va. (T-3, 47th)
- Gayle G. Barrett, Sterling, Neb. (Pvt, 60th Inf)
- Philip T. Bastable, 497 Chestnut St., Manchester, N. H. Pfc, 15th Engr)
- Thomas S. Batinsky, 2752 W. 33rd St., Brooklyn, N. Y., Cpl. 34th FA)
- Joseph Battista, 158 Carlton Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y. (Pfc. 60th)
- Ernest J. Bayless, 1278 Floyd St., SW, Atlanta, Ga. (T/Sgt, Div Band)
- Junius Beard, Box 106, Rt. 1, Turbeville, Ala. (Pfc. 47th)
- Lawrence L. Beard, Box 687, Caldwell, Ohio. (Pfc. 47th)
- Gilbert F. Beeman, 84 Cooper St., Meriden, Conn. (T-5, QM Co)
- Carl E. Bell, Louisville, Ky. (Pvt. 376th AAA)
- William I. Bell, 1840 N. Main Ave., Scranton, Pa. (Cpl, 47th)
- Raymond M. Bender, Olympia, Wash. (Cpl, Div Hq. Co)
- Sidney Berman, 740 E. 24th St., Bronx, N. Y. T-5, 47th)
- David Bernstein, Dallas, Texas, (2nd Lt., 746 Tk)
- Kern Bishop, Pikeville, Ky. (Pfc. 60th)
- Percy Blaycock, Eupora, Miss., (Pfc. 34th FA)
- George A. Bliss, 70 W. Main St., Little Falls, N. Y. (Pfc. 47th)
- Melvin M. Blodgett, Childress, Texas (39th)
- Forest D. Boice, Rt. 1, Willshire Ohio (Pvt. 34th FA)
- Raymond A. Bolton, 27 Mariner St., Buffalo, N. Y. (Pfc. 47th)
- Joseph I. Bonura, 130-34 Lefertis Blvd., Ozone Park, N. Y. (Pvt. Hq Co, 9th Div)
- Gail S. Bowman, Rt. 3, Shoals, Ind. (S/Sgt, 39th)
- Maurice J. Boyle, Jr., 1828 W. Tioga St., Philadelphia 40, Pa. (Sgt. 60th)
- Frederick J. Braccia, Brooklyn, N. Y. (Pfc., 746th Tk)
- Garner D. Brackman, 3402 W. College, Shreveport 65, La. (S/Sgt, 39th)
- William M. Bradshaw, Rt. 6, Mountain Grove, Mo. (T-5, 899th TD)
- Harold W. Brady, 475 Main St., Battle Creek, Mich. (Pfc. 746th Tk)
- Olen E. Bratcher, Rt. 1, Whitesboro, Texas, (T-4, 746th Tk)
- Luther D. Brewer, Bowery St., Hartzell, Ala. (S/Sgt., 39th)
- Paul A. Bridges, Box 304, Blockburg, S. C. (Pfc., 47th)
- Gerald G. Bryant, 2811 S. 14th St., Springfield, Ill. (Pfc., MP)
- Jo. S. Bubloni, Rt. 1, Falcon, Mich. (Pfc., 47th)
- Joseph Bucca, 138 Clark Ave., Jersey City, N. J. (Pvt. 34th FA)
- Charles R. Buker, 1216 Maple Ave., Belvedere, Ill. (Pvt., MP)
- Merle G. Bullock, 1865 W. Ohio, Spokane, Wash. (Pfc. 60th)
- Kenneth C. Bunney, 1305 Irwin St., Aliquippa, Pa. (39th Inf.)
- Melvin J. Burggraff, 4347 Nebraska Ave., NW, Washington, D. C. (Cpl., 84th FA)
- Henry C. Burkhardt, 5205 N. Chupitola St., New Orleans, La. (Pfc., 47th)
- Lester H. Burr, Selby, Va. (Pfc., 47th)
- Claude L. Burton, Augusta, Ky. (T/5)
- William F. Burton, 4132 Walbridge Pl., St. Louis, Mo. (Pfc., 47th)
- Bert N. Bush, Jr., Dayton, Ohio, (Pfc., 47th)
- James K. Butler, Newport News, Va. (Pfc., 376th AAA)
- Joseph Caliguire, 225 Dallas Rd., Willougreen, Pa. (Pfc., 47th)
- Billy V. Campbell, St. Joseph, Mo. (Pfc., 746th TK)
- Carl Campbell, Richland, Wash., (Pvt., Ren. Tr.)
- Garvin A. Campbell, 80 SE 12th St., Oklahoma City, Okla. (39th)
- Everett M. Carbaugh, 2134 Merile Ave., Zanesville, Ohio. (T-4, Div Hq)
- Thomas J. Cargile, Lacy St., Marietta, Ga. (Sgt., 47th)
- Chas. W. Carmen, Rt. 2, Iron-ton, Ohio. (S/Sgt. 47th)
- William Carpenter, 830 W. Park St., Stockton, Calif. (Pfc., 47th)
- Albert L. Carr, Jr., R. 3, Greensburg, Pa. (Pfc., 60th)
- Hershel Carter, Rt. 1, Fairfield, Ill. (Pfc., Div Hq Co)
- Robert Carter, Box 284, Stone-wall, Okla. (Pvt., 60th)
- Miles A. Cartwright, 1628 W. 14th St., Muncie, Ind. (S/Sgt., 60th)
- Frank Castillo, Rt. 1, Bx 575-A Huntington Beach, Calif. (Pfc., 47th)
- Everett N. Cave, Clarksville, Va. (Pfc., Div Hq Co)
- Edward M. Champagns, 917 James St., Seattle, Wash. (S/Sgt., 899th TD)
- Nathan J. Champaque, Marrero, La. (Sgt., 60th)
- Lawrence L. Cherry, 1115 N. Fourth St., Nashville, Tenn.
- Michael Charalambous, 144 W. 101st St., New York, N. Y. (Pfc., 47th)
- William C. Chidiac, 30 May St., Paterson 3, N. J. (Pfc., 376th AAA)
- William E. Childers, 269 E. Franklin Ave., Gastonia, N. C. (Pfc., 60th)
- Hughie J. Elliott, 2200 Illinois Ave., Granite City, Ill. (Cpl, 60th)
- Franklin Engel, 1709 Frederick Ave., Baltimore, Md. (Cpl., 60th)
- Howard W. England, Hensley, W. Va. (Cpl.)
- Lester Eshelman, 608 Rear Burne Ave., Dayton, Ohio. (Pfc., 47th)
- Geo. J. Evans, Hamilton, Ohio. (Lt., 60th)
- John P. Evans, 4225 S. Chad-wick St., Philadelphia, Pa. (Pfc., 60th)
- Virgil D. Evans, Dallas, Texas. (S/Sgt., 746th Td)
- Jose Factor, 1416 Santa Maria Ave., Laredo, Texas. (Pfc., 47th)
- Jules Fand, 3531 Harrison St., Arlington, Calif. (Pfc., 47th)
- Lawrence T. Faulkner, 2747 River Road, Cincinnati, Ohio. (1st Sgt.)
- Weldon R. Felton, 1609 Hess St., Saginaw, Mich. (Pfc., 60th)
- Gabino J. Fernandez, Box 809, Walde, Texas. (Pvt., 60th)
- Clarence J. Fierstein, 726 Arm-strong, St. Paul 2, Minn. (Pfc., 47th)
- Israel B. Fineman, 604 Britannia

- St., Los Angeles, Calif. (Pvt., 47th)
- Donald E. Fischer, 326 1st Ave., SW, Wathertown, S. Dak. (T-4, 47th)
- Moe M. Fischer, 1941 1st Ave., New York, N. Y. (Pfc., 899 TD)
- James W. Fisher, Rt. 1, Lennox, Texas (T/Sgt., 47th)
- John E. Fitch, 290 Lafayette, Bridgeport, Conn. (Hq, 34th FA)
- Glen C. Flanagan, Great Falls, Montana. (S/Sgt., 9th)
- Thomas G. Ford, 1312 53rd Ave., Oakland, Cal. (Pvt., 47th)
- Allen Foster, Plumfield, Ill. (Pvt., 60th)
- George K. Fraenkel, 838 River-side Drive, New York, N. Y. (Pvt, Div Hq Co)
- Edwin S. Franka, 4841 Melrose St., Chicago, Ill. (2d Lt. Div. Hq Co)
- Robert J. Frantz, 6075 Fuller-ton Ave., Cleveland 5, Ohio. (Sgt., 60th)
- Chas. M. Fredericks, Route 15, Box 142, Middleriver, Baltimore, Md. (Pfc., 60th)
- William I. Freeman, King Kull 2, Griffin, Ga. (T-4, 47th)
- Frederick W. Fromm, 1615 N. Tojon St., Cole Springs, Colo. (39th)
- Edward B. Frontham, Rt. 1, Canton, N. C. (Pfc., 84th FA)
- Wm. T. Fuller, 509 Cayuta St., Waverly, N. Y. (Cpl., 26th FA)
- Paul N. Fulsos, 1618 Colby St., Omaha, Neb. (Pvt, Ren Tr)
- Willie A. Furr, 1709 Chatham Ave., Charlotte 2, N. C. (Pfc., 60th)
- Julio Gallegos, Las Vegas, N. Mex. (Pfc., 376th AAA)
- James R. Gardiner, 9831 S. Selley Ave., Chicago, Ill. (Lt., 39th)
- Melvin B. Gardner, Ustoe, Va. (Pfc., 47th)
- Dudley H. Garland, 5 Oak St., Binghamton, N. Y. (Maj., Div Arty Hq)
- Edward G. Garofano, 100 W. Main St., North Adams, Mass. (Cpl., 47th)
- Martin J. Gaydas, 415 St. James Ave., Springfield, Mass. (Cpl., 47th)
- Philip P. Gilley, Wellville, Ark. Henry Gingras, 1715 Pilgrim Ave., Detroit 3, Mich. (Pfc., 39th)
- Salvator Giunta, 125 15th Ave., Newark, N. J. (Pfc., 60th)
- George Glass, Portsmouth, Ohio. (S/Sgt., 47th)
- Elmer H. Glines, 290 Rosemont, W. Salem, Ore. (S/Sgt., 34th FA)
- Marvin P. R. Glover, 903 S. Third, Bonham, Tex. (S/Sgt., 746th Tk)
- John B. Godin, Dale St., Chicopee Falls, Mass. (Sgt., 47th)
- Henry Godina, 34 Lawrence St., Denver, Colo. (Pvt., 84th FA)
- P. O. Gordan, Stickney, S. D. (39th)
- Dorris F. Gossett, 5848 Enright Ave., St. Louis, Mo. (Ord Co)
- Chas. Gould, Jr., 59 Sullivan St., Elmira, N. Y. (Pfc, 39th)
- Earl I. Gray, 1322 14th St., NW, Washington, D. C. (Sgt., 47th)
- Alfred L. Greaud, RFD 1, Box 37, Plaquemine, La. (Pfc. 60th)
- Albert P. Groff, Merchantville, N. J. (Cpl., 47th)
- Edward T. Grohol, 55 Union St., Jersey City, N. J. (Pvt., 84th FA)
- Ward J. Gummelt, 301 N. Oak St., Ranger, Texas. (Pfc. 47th)
- Louis Gurba, 19 Van Cleef St., Seneca Falls, N. Y. (Pfc., 376th AAA)
- Harold Raase, 2104 Central, Columbus, Ind. (Pfc., 60th)
- Albert J. Haft, Box 92, New Berlin, N. J. (Capt., Med Bn)
- Olaf K. Hagen, 110 55th St., Brooklyn, N. Y. (Cpl., 47th)
- Cornelius J. Haggerty, 154 Vermilyea Ave., New York, N. Y. (Pfc., 47th Inf)
- Albert E. Haines, 25 Rgt., Com-bat Inf., Ft. Benning, Ga. (1st Lt., 47th)
- Douglas Hall, Melrose, Tenn. (Cpl., 26th FA)
- Frank J. Hall, 219 W. Gregory St., Pensacola, Fla. (2d Lt., 47th)

## CHARLIE CLAYBERGER'S CONTRIBUTION IS A MOST INTERESTING NARRATIVE

Scores of letters have reached The Octofoil from former members of the old 9th Infantry. The old boys have a lot of admiration for the Ninth Infantry Division Association. An attachment exists that is hard to define. Many have subscribed to The Octofoil—and as one from California recently wrote: "It isn't only the similarity of names that causes our affection for your outfit but the marvelous record chalked up by the Ninth Division makes any ex-soldier proud of you."

The latest of these old 9th Inf. men to be heard from is Charles G. Clayberger, an active member of the VFW and Military Order of the Cootie. Clayberger landed in Manila in early 1902, and was attached to the old 9th. He sends a copy of The Oregonian, Portland newspaper, dated Dec. 14, 1930. Its contents are more absorbing than any blood and thunder novel ever written. It is regrettable that The Octofoil's limited space precludes the possibility of printing the entire story as submitted. Only excerpts are reprinted.

The story disproves one false impression a lot of youngsters have labored under, especially the one about the only fighting done in the Philippines back in those years was when the soldiers pulled up corn stalks, twirled the stalks over their heads and threw dirt in the eyes of the Spaniards. Judging from this narrative they did some pretty rugged fighting even in those days. The Octofoil reprints parts of the article in the firm belief it will prove most entertaining to our members.

### QUOTING FROM STORY:

An attack was made by natives of a Philippine Island on Co. C of the old 9th Infantry.

Commanding officers were butchered, all records and papers were destroyed or lost and none lives to tell the tale save a handful of survivors now widespread across the United States.

### SARGE FROM WEST VIRGINIA

In referring to one of the survivors, Sgt. George F. Markley, of West Virginia, the story goes on to relate:

Markley had a cup of coffee to his lips when the noise of the revolt reached him. He ran to a barracks where rifles were stored, knocked down and kicked at the chasing savages, fell to the ground and rose again.

Flanked by pursuers, he faced three armed natives at the doorway. The sentry lay dead and the soldier in charge of the arms was writhing in death agony. Markley gathered for a supreme effort and dashed at the three bolomen. An instant before coming to them he leaped into the air and struck two of the savages in the stomach with his knees, driving them with such violence the further wall of the shack fell out. Markley banked the third man's head against the beam until he was senseless. He shot the two. He had plenty of firearms but was alone.

With deadly aim he began picking off the natives who were still cutting down the Americans. He then ran to a shack where another group was cornered. His rescue was a success and the Americans were given an opportunity to arm themselves.

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## JACK LESOFF SAYS HE'LL BE IN PHILLY

Dear Sirs: I sure get a kick out of reading The Octofoil. The first thing I do is go down every column looking for letters from former buddies of Co. C, 47th. I should be ashamed of not writing sooner.

### TWO HOLES FROM SIROVY

The night I will never forget is the one when Sirovy and a lot more of my buddies got hit. My motel was two holes from Sirovy. In the last issue J. A. Nunn sent a picture of my company moving up. If I am not mistaken I am the G.I. second from the right and Carl Abel is just ahead of me. The second one back of me looks like it would be Axel-son.

I missed the last Reunion but if all is well I do not intend to miss the next one.

JACK LESOFF,  
270 Linden St., Pittsfield, Mass.  
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Fred J. Hall, Rt. 2, Pulaski, Va. (S/Sgt., 60th)

Otis Hall, 523 E. Elizabeth, McPherson, Kan. (Pfc., 60th)

H. K. Hamilton, Box 428, Richmond, Va. (Ord. Co.)

Walter F. Hanifin, 167 E. 67th St., New York, N. Y. (Pfc., 376th AAA)

Orval F. Hardin, RR 1, New Augusta, Ind. (S/Sgt., 60th)

Howard C. Harris, 62 Tenth Ave., Hawthorne, N. J. (39th)

Bill Harrison, 2521 SE 16th Terrace, Miami, Fla. (Cpl., 899th TD)

Alden W. Harthen, Goddells, Mich. (T-5, 60th)

Russell J. Hautz, Grand Ave., Riverton, Pa. (Pfc., 39th)

William P. Hayes, 4142 Jackson Blvd., Chicago, Ill. (Cpl., 34th FA)

William M. Heard, Box 3022, W. Monroe, La. (S/Sgt., 47th)

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## BODY OF FOXBURG VETERAN BROUGHT HOME FOR BURIAL

Thanks to Buck Miller, 216 Bissell Ave., Oil City, Pa., The Octofoil received a clipping from The Oil City Derrick, which will prove of interest to many former 60th Regt. men:

The body of Pfc. Carlyle C. Irwin of Foxburg, who was killed in action with an infantry company of the U. S. Army on Dec. 12, 1944, in Germany arrived at Parkers Landing.

The body was taken to the Mimm's Funeral Home, St. Petersburg, and will remain there until it is taken to the Foxburg Cemetery for full military rites to be in charge of the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Pfc. Irwin enlisted in the service on April 10, 1944, and received his training at Camp Wheeler, Ga.

On September 15, 1944, he was sent to the European theatre of operations and became a member of Company L, 60th Infantry, 9th Infantry Division of the First Army.

Prior to entering the armed forces, he was employed by the Oil Well Supply Co. in Oil City.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Mary C. Irwin; a daughter, Carlyle; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Irwin; two brothers, John and James, and two sisters, Alvine and Donna Lou, all of Foxburg.

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Q—Does a veteran have to have a 10 percent or more service-connected disability to be eligible for out-patient treatment?

A—Any veteran with an established service-connected disability is entitled to out-patient treatment for the service-connected disability, regardless of the degree of disability.

## Mugerditchian Can't Name Them



Vernon Mugerditchian was unable to name all of his old platoon and wants a little help from someone. Those he can positively identify are Sgt. Hutchinson (KIA); Pfc. Gomez, S-Sgt. Fuenger; S-Sgt. Kingsley, S-Sgt. Orlick, S-Sgt. Hildebrandt, S-Sgt. Harvey (KIA), S-Sgt. Dimick and Pfc. Nelson.

## Another Youngster At Sirovy Home; Poppa Sirovy Is Doing Okay

Hello Fellows: Just a few lines to announce the arrival of our little 7-lb. daughter on Nov. 2. We have named her Sandra Mary. She is our second child; our first being a boy named Michael Otto, now 2 years old. Both mother and daughter are fine.

MR. and MRS. OTTO R. SIROVY, 150 Jackson St., Jackson, Minn. (P. S.: Poppa Otto also has lived through the ordeal.)

## MARVIN BOGART WRITES FROM NORTHERN OHIO

Asks About Memorial Records—They Are Still Available.

Marvin Bogart's present address is 648 Hazel Ave., Lima, Ohio. Marvin writes The Octofoil for information concerning the Memorial Records, which are still available. Dick Schumann, Ohio State University engineering student, manufactures the records which are made on two 10-inch plates, and retail for the set, \$5.00. A postal money order or check in care of The Octofoil will suffice in securing the records, since Dick checks The Octofoil office at regular intervals for any orders that may be on file.

Dick Pestel has a few of the souvenir programs and caps he is mailing out for the sum of \$1.

## VIC WOJTAS HAS MANY READERS

Many Octofoil subscriptions are being received from former P.O.W. buddies of Victor J. Wojtas, who want to keep scrap books of his diary as printed in The Octofoil. Most of these boys who were attached to units other than the Ninth Division manifest a lot of interest and The Octofoil really welcomes and appreciates them as boosters.

**"CANNON BALL" SUBSCRIBES**  
Chester "Cannon Ball" Sienkewicz, former Co. B, 60th man, now living at 543 W. Madison St., Hotel Lindy, Room 3, Chicago, Ill., sends his subscription in and asks for back issues of Wojtas' diary.

**MRS. WOJTAS WRITES**  
Vic's charming wife writes a nice note to The Octofoil advising Vic gives his permission for The Octofoil to keep possession of his diary until its entire contents have been reprinted—just so they get the document back. Mrs. Wojtas seems to cherish the original manuscript as much as Vic does—and proves herself to be among the rapidly increasing list of former Ninth men's wives who are real Association boosters. She also sends in the subscriptions for two of Victor's former P.O.W. buddies, who are:

Johnny Kostecki, 2713 S. Troy St., Chicago 23, Ill., and Alex Hudy, 2430 N. Lockwood Ave., Chicago, Ill.

The Octofoil has listed the Wojtas' family address as 1702 N. Wood St., Chicago, Ill., and it should have been 1729 N. Wood St. Thank you, Mrs. Wojtas.

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## LOOK FOR PATRIC DUNNAHOO STORY

A letter from Pat Dunnahoo, 408 N. Market St., Benton, Ark., advises he will start his European tour in order that The Octofoil may have his stories for publication in early spring. In the meantime, he says, it is his desire to learn from the members what sections and localities they are most desirous of having feature articles written about.

Pat's present plans call for about 20 stories, beginning with Cherbourg and including other localities Ninth men are most familiar.

This is a feature to look forward to that non-dues paying members will be deprived of enjoying.

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## LES HAMILTON IS HOTTER'N ANY FIRECRACKER YOU EVER DID SEE

Some yokel named Richard Wilson, who is the Washington correspondent for The Des Moines (Iowa) Register and Tribune, back in 1943 wrote a 14-page booklet about the Thirty-fourth Division. Leslie Hamilton, former Co. B, 60th man, just got his hands on one of these booklets and he's mad as all get out—and rightly so—because Wilson proved himself one of the most abysmal ignoramuses ever to punch a typewriter, or else he is the most prejudiced corn husker those people ever sent down to Washington in any capacity.

Quoting Les, who lives at 1016 W. Fifth St., So., Newton, Iowa: "I have nothing but respect for the 34th Division, but in this booklet are two short paragraphs which, to say the least, burn me to a crisp."

"According to Wilson, the First and Ninth Divisions wasted their time going to Africa. Quoting from the booklet:

"The Sandstorm Division—the 34th—won the North African campaign, so far as the Americans in the fighting are concerned."

"If you are with the 1st Infantry Division or the 9th Infan-

try Division, a statement like that will start a fight. But the evidence is strong.

"Innumerable instances of coolness and bravery under fire had been recorded. Sixty-one men in one regiment were decorated for heroism."

"A Minnesota lieutenant-colonel, shortly to turn 50, had led his infantry battalion into battle with a rifle over his back—a rifle that would not fire."

**SAYS HAMILTON—**

"I would like to know if there is anyone in the association with the facts at hand who can set Mr. Wilson straight. In fact, I'd like to see them shoved right down his throat."

(Ed's Note: Les, old boy—story in this issue taken from the Fort Meade Recruiters' Digest, should, in itself, make this Mr. Wilson (never heard of him) hang his head in shame at handling the truth so reckless in the booklet you sent in. Thanks. That's the old spirit. When "8 Stars to Victory" is off the press you might make this Wilson corn husker eat those words he used so carelessly that was enough to upset you.)

## LEE METCALF ELECTED TO HIGH COURT BY VOTERS IN MONTANA

Through the co-operation of John Harrison, Helena, Montana, attorney and Lee Metcalf's wife, Secretary Tingley has been able to assemble some very pertinent dope concerning Lee's successful venture into the realm of big-time politics in the state of Montana.

**FACES FORMER JUDGE**  
In the primaries when Lee allowed his friends to talk him into running for associate judge of the Supreme Court he was faced with some tough opposition when he was pitted against a former Supreme Court judge, and at the time a very active district court judge.

Commentators claim Lee's campaign was more spectacular than any ever put on by his famous fellow Montanans in years ago—Burton K. Wheeler and another former senator, Tom Walsh. They say Lee was everywhere and saw just about everyone in the state. He was elected in the general election by 5,000 votes; the term is for six years and friends say that he will certainly be able to write his own ticket at the end of that time.

In acquainting the people of Montana with Lee Metcalf's background, the Ravalli County Democratic Central Committee had this to say about his military record:

"... Participated in the in-

vasion of Normandy and served as Civil Affairs and Military Government officer on the staffs of 1st U. S. Army and V and VII Corps. After the Battle of the Ardennes was regimental military government officer with the 60th Infantry Regiment of the 9th Infantry Division. The following is quoted from the Separation Qualification Record (Form 100):

"Served as Civil Affairs Officer, Military Government in the 9th Infantry Division in Germany. Charged with reorganization of German civilian courts; member of military government courts and prosecutor of civilian violations of allied ordinances and proclamations."

(Editor's Note: Secretary Tingley was able to promote an excellent photograph of the new Supreme Court judge, but The Octofoil inadvertently failed to advise the deadline on pictures for cuts which is one week earlier than copy for typesetting, and this issue has to be printed without the picture—but it will be used next month. Those who know Lee Metcalf are not surprised at his success. Those who did not will marvel at the political history that was made when so youthful appearing a man as Lee Metcalf was chosen by his fellow citizens to such a position of trust.)

## LT. M. F. ALLTON IS NOW STATIONED IN NEW JERSEY

Lt. M. F. Allton, O-8 099 781, is stationed at Camp Kilmer, N. J. The lieutenant will be favorably remembered by many as a T/Sergeant with Ninth Division Hdqtrs., in Augsburg, Germany.

He was later transferred to the First Division in Berlin after being commissioned a second lieutenant.

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## GENERAL SMYTHE SENDS A VERY INTERESTING ARTICLE CLIPPED FROM ATLANTA, GA. NEWSPAPER

### FORMER PATTON SOLDIER VISITS HERE

### Jeep-Wrestlin' General Eddy Helps Public Know Our Army

By MORRIS McLEMORE, Formerly of Ninth Division

The last time I saw Hon. Pfc. Manton S. Eddy, of the French Foreign Legion, he was wrestling the left hind leg of a jeep.

With some assistance from other drenched G.I.'s he got the obstreperous machine out of the mudhole and continued east along a narrow road a few kilometers east of St. Lo, occasionally bobbing his head to acknowledge the noisy welcome of the Germans.

### RESUMES TITLE

He also resumed his American title as a major general and commander of the U. S. Ninth Infantry Division, a rough and plunging conglomeration of troops which Eddy handled through Africa, Sicily and the Cherbourg campaigns with the light, sensitive touch of a skilled horseman.

### "BLOOD AND GUTS" TIE-UP

He became the commander of the XII U. S. Corps soon after this—and the recent published reports of Gen. George S. Patton are speckled with the name of this huge and humane man who served under Patton with the same fire and dash that characterized his whole career in the field.

### CHIEF OF INFORMATION

He is now chief of information for the Department of the Army, and stopped in Atlanta Thursday morning for a few hours of work and visit with Lieut. Gen. Alvan C. Gillem, commander of the Third Army, with headquarters here.

His new job—as did those he had in wartime—puts General Eddy in a position with great responsibility. What the public thinks of the Army is of paramount importance to the national scheme of things at the moment.

"As I see it, the biggest job we have now is to inform the people of the Army to the best of our ability. They and their families and the men who have served and left the Army form a great pool of influence. If we present our case properly to these individuals, then an understanding of the Army will be evident among the public and the Congress," General Eddy said here.

### GETS AGREEMENTS

This rather reasonable view was agreed to by the other officers present, including former colonel, now Brig. General George W. Smythe, one-time commander of the Forty-seventh Infantry Regiment under General Eddy in the Ninth Division and now chief of staff to General Gillem.

### "NOTHING TO SAY"

When asked of his reaction to the Patton story now in circulation, General Eddy stated that he had nothing to say of the controversial subjects Patton threw about with such ease.

"I was devoted to the old boy," said he. "It isn't to my taste to comment upon things that did not involve me."

### BACK TO "SCHOOL DAYS"

After the short meeting here, General Eddy departed for Gainesville, where he planned a day's visit with friends he made when he was a professor of military science and tactics there as a captain in 1925-1929.

He's using a plane to get around in now. . . . I wonder if he could lift it out of trouble as he did that jeep?

He probably would try it.

The above clipping from The Atlanta (Ga.) Journal, issue of 30 October '47, was sent The Octofoil by Brig. Gen. George W. Smythe. Accompanying the story was a photograph of Gen. Eddy, and he really looked younger than he did during the African campaign.

### SHERIDAN TO BE BURIED

Among other notes in General

## AMOEBA - - - MOVE OVER! - - YOU CAN'T STACK UP WITH G.I.

In a recent issue of the VFW Foreign Service, Roy Denial has this to say about his combat experiences:

I used to think that the lowest form of animal life was an amoeba—until I saw what a doggie looked like after three weeks of combat.

On the surface, combat wasn't so bad. It was just when you had to dig in.

Most G. I.s, I understand, were in specialists outfits during the war. So was I. My infantry outfit specialized in standing around in the middle of a woods in the rain, looking for a place to sleep.

Before I went overseas, I heard about "British Battle Tactics." But the only tactics I ever saw was for everybody to keep walking around at night until they all got lost. If enough of 'em got lost together—they called it a maneuver. If just one or two got lost, it was called infiltration!

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## COMPANY M, 47TH GROUP



Photo sent in by Angelo Parento, 1026 McLaughlin Rd., Bridgeville, Pa., was taken shortly after the group crossed the Rhine. Pictured are Parento, Francis G. Walters, Beecker J. Jones, Johnson, Antonio A. Mendez and Lon Strain.

## SPEERS PREPARES VALUABLE DATA

R. M. Speers, from down Albany, N. Y. way, sends in to The Octofoil one of the most beautiful brochures that ever went through an Uncle Sam mail bag.

Speers has clipped items from New York state papers dealing with Ninth Division KIA's. The text and art work is pasted in dummy form and it would be criminal not to give justice to the time and effort Speers must have put in to compile his lay-out. And for that reason The Octofoil is holding Speers' material out until the next issue, in order to have sufficient time to contact the New York papers and obtain any stereotype mats that may be available.

Thanks a lot, Speers—and your material will be returned just as quickly as possible—and you can bet your last dollar Viani, down in Texas, will appreciate your efforts.

It's Joes like you, Speers, who keep this organization functioning.

Anyone who knows printing is in position to know how much midnight oil you burned to get that job in the presentable form you did. Continue to string along with The Octofoil. The paper needs you and a lot more just like you.

Smythe's short note was a statement to the effect that Sheridan, the 47th Regt.'s Medal of Honor man, would be buried in Baltimore on 8 November '47. Gen. Smythe planned to attend and had asked Sheridan's former Battalion commander to accompany him.



## MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN WILL BE FEATURED BY NEW YORK GROUP

Next Meeting Will Be Friday, November 28 at 8:00 P. M.—Free Beer and Refreshments Again On the Agenda.

The Greater New York Chapter of the Division Association held its first meeting of the Fall season Oct. 31 at the Hotel Times Square, 43rd St. and Eighth Ave., New York City.

### WELL ATTENDED

Although October 31st was a rainy and stormy night, the meeting was well attended and a good time was enjoyed by all.

It was announced that dues for 1948 are now being collected, and the Chapter's response was gratifying. After a thorough discussion a motion was carried that consideration of Local Chapter dues be tabled until September, 1948. It was decided instead to intensify our efforts to collect dues and enroll as many new members as possible for the Association.

### APPLAUD REPORT

The Treasurer's report received an ovation when Marvin Etra announced that the treasury is now definitely in the blue and all bills have been paid.

### FREE BEER

Free beer was served after the meeting. It is planned to serve beer at all future meetings as well as sandwiches and other refreshment. Getsy Schiff, the newly appointed Chairman of the House Committee, will be in charge of the "Kitchen Mechanics" and promises to turn out good "chow."

### REGULAR MEETING PLACE

The members decided the Hotel Times Square would be our permanent meeting place and arrangements are now being made to hold meetings on the fourth Friday of each month except when holidays interfere.

### NEXT MEETING NOV. 28

The next meeting will be held on Friday, November 28, 1947, at 8:00 P. M. sharp in Room M-3. Of course, free beer and refreshments will be served after a short business session.

### NO MEETING IN DECEMBER

Due to the holiday season, the Board of Governors have decided that no business meeting will be held in December, and a Sunday afternoon Card Party and Social is planned instead. Tentatively the social is scheduled for Sunday, December 28, subject of course to the availability of the meeting rooms on that date. It is expected that many members who cannot attend meetings on Friday night will be able to attend the December Sunday afternoon affair. The response from the ladies is expected to be especially favorable.

## PITTSBURGH CORRESPONDENT IS VERY OPTIMISTIC ABOUT FUTURE

William J. Hilton, 57 Maplewood Ave., Crafo, Pa., an active member of the Greater Pittsburgh Chapter sends to The Octofoil a very encouraging report:

### ON THE BALL

I am very glad to report that the Greater Pittsburgh Chapter is on the ball and is moving right along towards a big fall and winter season. On Friday evening, 17 October, 1947, we held our Fall Smoker and am glad to report it was a big success. The turnout was really more than expected. The fellows who came had a great time wolfin' down sandwiches, pretzels, potato chips, etc.; and guzzlin' beer, smokin' free smokes—all this while watching a couple of reels of movies.

### SECURE NEW "HOME"

Since Alex T. Forrest's report, now appearing in the November Octofoil, concerning the fact we are looking for a new meeting place, I want to report that we have lined up a new "home" and all that remains is for the members to approve before we take the place over. More information concerning this move will probably come from Forrest.

### WANT NEW BLOOD

The Greater Pittsburgh Chapter has a pretty fair membership and we are proud of the fact that so many fellows do show up for the meetings held the third Friday of every month, but we want some new blood. We would like for a few more of the boys who

received to be especially favorable.

### CAPT. "LEM" VISITS

The chapter meeting was highlighted by a visit from Captain Larry (Lem) Langlan of Illinois. "Lem," who was formerly with First Bn., 47th Inf., is now on extended active duty as an instructor. We always knew he had the makings of a "30-Year Man."

### VOTE OF THANKS

The Chapter membership unanimously resolved that a vote of thanks was due to Stan Cohen, Cal Polivy, Marvin Etra, Jim Bruno, George Grossman, Dr. Hal Sternlicht, Al Bruchac, Getsy Schiff, "Guggie" Guglielmino, Les Ronay and all the other officers and committee members who, by their efforts, were responsible for the success of the Fall Dance.

The dance was so successful both socially and financially that the members voted to hold a Spring Dance. Johnny Waschin of 41 Hawthorne Ave., Yonkers, N. Y., was appointed chairman of the Spring Dance Committee. Johnny has called for volunteers to assist and help him get the dance going. If you can spare a few hours get in touch with Johnny at the above address or write to Cal Polivy, the Chapter President.

### BRUCHAC "ON THE BALL"

Al Bruchac did a fine job on the Dance Journal and so he is "elected" to head the Spring Dance Journal Committee. Advertisements for the journal are now being solicited. For information write to Al Bruchac, care Ninth Division Assn., Box 1168, Grand Central Station, New York, New York.

### PAY YOUR DUES

Members are again reminded that unless their dues are paid up, they will be dropped from the Association's mailing list and will not receive The Octofoil after the December issue. Send your \$3.50 for 1948 (and for 1947 if you haven't paid it yet) to: New York Chapter, 9th Div. Assn., Box 1168, Grand Central Station, New York, N. Y. Do it right now before you forget!

### SEE YOU AT THE NEXT NEW YORK CHAPTER MEETING:

Time: Friday evening, November 28, 1947, 8:00 P. M.

Place: Hotel Times Square, 43rd St. and Eighth Ave., New York, N. Y. Room M-3.

Bring a new member to the meeting with you.

CAL POLIVY, 1875 University Ave., New York 53, N. Y.

receive meeting announcement cards to show up. So come on you fellows in the Pittsburgh area—let's put in an appearance and find out what the future holds for you in the way of activities. We are lining up a lot of big things for the winter—so come out and see what they are.

### LOOKING FOR HISTORY

The fellows in this Chapter are eagerly awaiting the Division History, so let's keep it going.

### GLAD TO HEAR FROM NUNN

Glad to see that my old company commander, Jess O. Nunn, hasn't gotten himself lost in this rough civilian life out there in the wilds of Oregon.

### COMMENTS ON "THE CHIEF"

I see that my buddy, Roland Whitehorse, found time to drop The Octofoil a few lines also. Am happy to report that I have been in touch with the old bow and arrow man since 1945. Drop him a line boys. You don't have any idea what a treat you have in store when you receive one of his letters.

### WHERE ARE THEY ???

For myself I would like to get in touch with the following former members of First Bn., Hdq. Co., 47th Inf.: Cpl. Owen Cartwright, Paul Glendenning, George Oakes and any more of the old boys from the company.

WILLIAM J. HILTON.

## A GREATER DETROIT CHAPTER

A very encouraging notice was mailed out in Greater Detroit, Mich., under date of November 12, 1947, which bids to develop into another militant Chapter for the Ninth Infantry Division Association.

The notice reads as follows:

### "A GREATER DETROIT CHAPTER"

Members of the Ninth Infantry Division who live in the vicinity of Detroit are asked to attend a meeting at a time and place to be announced at a later date to all members of record on The Octofoil roster.

The tentative date has been set as Sunday, December 7th, the date of infamy, and all Michigan members are asked to set that day aside.

Give this matter serious thought and plan on attending when you hear from the Committee.

### Signed:

HAROLD G. PERRY, Post Office, Wyandotte, Mich.  
JOSEPH T. CASEY, 8621 Colfax St., Detroit 4, Mich.  
GEORGE J. KRAMER, 3739 Montclair, Detroit 14, Mich.  
Temporary Committee.

Quite a few real capable and sincere Association members attended the second reunion in Columbus from the state of Michigan and voiced the hope a militant chapter would get under way in the Michigan area. Now they have an opportunity to prove their sincerity. The Temporary Committee has worked diligently to lay the groundwork and are entitled to a big vote of thanks.

### TOLEDOANS SHOULD GO

The Association has quite a few members in Toledo, O. This city being so near Detroit each and every one of those Buckeyes from the northern part of the state should lend their aid to these Michigan boys.

Before many months The Octofoil will venture the assertion some nice reports will be coming from the Motor Capital.

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## DANGER... LOOK OUT FOR THE COMMUNISTS

Walter Goucher, 66 Nichols Ave., Brooklyn 8, N. Y., submits an article on the present Communist problem confronting America. Walt says he doesn't think his article is "flag waving," but just "good common sense."

(The Octofoil, like any good veterans' publication, has no brief for the tenets of Communism. However, any articles submitted for publication that borders on a controversial political basis does not necessarily reflect any opinions of the paper, but are solely those of the authors.)

By WALTER GOUCHER, A.S.N. 32246137

Shortly after my discharge a little while back, I joined a veterans' organization. The first thing I noticed was the lack of interest shown by the members towards one of the greatest menaces to America today—Communism. It was more than lack of interest, it was the failure to see the sign that said: "Danger—Communism Ahead." The majority of the veterans were contented to attend meetings, holler "here" when their names were called, sit through a few speeches and then go home.

### ISN'T ENOUGH

Yet, this isn't enough. For all the while they sit back and let the other fellow do the talking, they are slowly being poisoned by the odious Atheistic propaganda dispensed by the well-placed agents of the Communist, a Russian International political organization with main headquarters in Moscow. I don't mean to imply that every organization is plagued by agents of Communism but these agents are so thorough in their methods that no important gathering is ever passed up. These agents are well-trained and use various schemes to promote the doctrine of Communism. At the last Seventh World Congress of the Communist Internationale, the American members were praised for "penetrating and con-

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## NEW ENGLAND MEMBERS URGED TO BRING A BUDDY TO MEETING

A well-prepared report on activities of the New England Chapter of the Ninth Infantry Division was received from Victor A. Campini, publicity director, 98 Falmouth Rd., West Newton, Mass.

Vic asks Secretary Tingley to submit any criticism he feels will be beneficial to future reports. For once the versatile secretary was "stymied." In his answer to Vic he stated: "I'm submitting your copy to the printer for publication as is. I can't improve on it one iota."

### NEW MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Discussion of plans for a new membership drive and for honoring returned Ninth Division war dead highlighted the monthly meeting held Tuesday, October 28, by the New England Chapter of the Ninth Infantry Division Association at the Arlington Street Armory, Boston, Mass.

### CONNELLY PEP'S 'EM UP

Declaring that "the whole is only as strong as its component parts," President Martin D. Connelly urged all members to bring a Ninth Division buddy to the next meeting. In this manner, he said, not only will the local chapter be strengthened, but the national organization as well.

### LEVISON APPOINTED

Sydney Levison was appointed chairman of a committee to visit the homes of the returned Ninth Division war dead, insofar as it is possible in this area, after one member speech: "It is not enough that local communities have completed plans for allied veterans' groups to furnish honor guards and pall bearers. The close bond between Ninth Division men, living and dead, impels us to pay this respect not as a veteran but as a buddy. We have not forgotten!"

### MASS, SUNDAY, NOV. 9

Members were also reminded of the third anniversary memorial mass to be held Sunday, Nov. 9, at St. Peter's Church, Worcester, Mass., at 10 a. m., under the auspices of Rev. Edward T. Connors, former Division Artillery Chaplain. All members, relations, next of kin, and friends, regardless of faith, are invited. A reunion and dinner will follow at the Sheraton Hotel.

All were urged to help keep the constantly changing mailing list up-to-date. It is requested that change of addresses be sent to

New England Chapter, Ninth Infantry Division Association, P. O. Box 892, Boston, Mass.

Entertainment and other social activities are being planned as permanent features to insure continued good attendance and to augment the membership drive. A nominal fee is to be charged to help cover expenses.

### MEET LAST TUESDAY

Meetings are held on the last Tuesday of every month at the Arlington Street Armory, Boston, Mass. All Association members and former Ninth Division men are cordially invited to attend.

Facilities of the armory are made available through Lt. Col. Richard C. Storey, former staff member of the 39th Infantry, who commands a National Guard unit therein.

### ADDITIONAL NOTES

By Victor A. Campini, Publicity Director New England Chapter, Ninth Infantry Division Assn.

Inasmuch as one purpose of the Association is "to serve as an information bureau to members and former members of the Division it is suggested that publicity be given to Paragraph 15.1e, AR 600-45. Pursuant to its provisions, those men who received Combat Infantry Badges or Medical Badges are eligible for the Bronze Star Medal. All that is required is that such men apply by letter to the AGO, Washington, D. C.

If one does not have a copy of the citation or order showing the award of the CIB or the Medical Badge, state that fact in the letter, but be sure to include any information relevant to the badge which is contained in the discharge certificate.

### WANTA BE A SHAVETAIL?

Former Ninth Division men may also be interested in the following:

Pursuant to the provisions of WD Circular No. 101, 1947, enlisted men who served in World War II and were discharged in any of the first three grades are eligible for commission as second lieutenants in the National Guard of the United States if they can show proof of qualifications and are not under 21 and not over 28 years of age.

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## FORMER 9TH MAN ASKS HELP FOR THE CZECHOSLOVAKIAN CHILDREN'S NEEDS

Merwin L. Andelman, 1819 Broadway, New York 23, N. Y., former 60th Inf. Co. M, and 9th Sig. man, makes an appeal to the members for help to the Relief for Czechoslovakia, Inc., organization. Andelman's letter reads in part:

Now available for the first time in this country, an album of Czech and Moravian Besedas is offered for sale by the American Relief for Czechoslovakia, Inc.

The cost of these albums—four records, eight sides (unbreakable) is only \$5.50 per album. The music recorded is not available on records either in this country or in Europe.

The project is a worthy one, which should be supported wholeheartedly. The children of Czechoslovakia, who need your help desperately, will appreciate anything you can do.

All checks or money orders should be made out to American Relief for Czechoslovakia, 1819 Broadway, New York 23, N. Y.

Orchestrated by Dr. Victor King, the Besedas are played by 30 members of the National Broadcasting Corporation Orchestra. The album consists of 8 sides. The records are unbreakable. Four sides consist of the Czech besedas, and 4 sides consist of the Moravian besedas.

The Beseda are the traditional folk dances evolved through generations and first collected in notes by Karel Link in 1863. Never before recorded in America, they are still the finest folklore of the Czech people, danced in peasant costumes on all festive occasions. You will be delighted with their rhythm and vivacity.

Profits from the sale of the albums will be devoted to further help for the children of Czechoslovakia. The past year American Relief supplied forty-seven Czechoslovak medical institutions with over \$400,000 worth of laboratory and hospital equipment and provided supplementary food to 110,000 school children, with one-third of all shipments going to Slovakia alone.

You can help provide these necessities for Czechoslovak children by purchasing one or more albums of these records. At the same time give yourself an unusually fine treat, one to be enjoyed for years to come.

They will make excellent gifts for Christmas.

(Editor's Note: Noting the organization's official letterhead, it was pleasing to find Judge Otto Kerner president of American Relief for Czechoslovakia, Inc. Judge Kerner is a member of the Illinois Chapter.)

Q—My son, who was blinded while in service during World War II, and I would like to know if he is entitled to receive a guide dog at Government expense?

A—Yes. A service-connected blind veteran is entitled to receive, at Government expense, a guide dog and various devices necessary to assist him overcome his handicap.

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Q—Please tell me what veterans are eligible to have prescriptions filled at Government expense?

A—If the veteran's physician has been authorized by Veterans Administration to treat the veteran, VA will pay cost of the prescription if it is used in treatment of the veteran's service-connected disability.

### GET A NEW MEMBER IN '47!

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# MUSIC GOES ROUND AND ROUND...COMES OUT HERE

## "Shorties" of Interest From Members In All Parts of the Country -- Members Are Learning to Give New Addresses.

Letter from Lt. Col. Q. R. Hardage sending in his dues for 1947. Now taking course at Officers' Intelligence School, Fort Riley, Kans. Scheduled to go back to Germany in February, 1948. Formerly with 60th Inf.

Letter from Charles J. Horton, 8003 Chestnut Ave., Baltimore, Md. Formerly with 47th. Would like to get a copy of the 47th History. No more 47th Histories on hand at Association Headquarters. Wonder if any of the old 47th men may have some extra copies laying around. A number of requests for these histories have come to headquarters recently. If any extra copies are available, please send them to Secretary Charles O. Tingley, 9th Inf. Div. Assn., P. O. Box 1704, Washington 13, D. C., and he will send them out to fill the requests.

Lt. Mittelman is no longer. It is Captain Mittelman now. Congrats, Captain.

Post card from Donald J. Franks requesting two 47th Inf. Regimental insignias. There are no more 47th insignias at headquarters. If any 47th men do have any extra, they might contact Donald and arrange to send him two. His address is 17 Depot St., Mt. Pleasant, Pa.

Lt. Col. W. C. Westmoreland, formerly Chief of Staff of the 9th, was recently appointed as Chief of Staff of the 82d Airborne Division, located at Fort Bragg, N. C. Westy has already made plans to be at the 1948 convention. How about the rest of you fellows making the same sort of plans?

Letter from Mrs. James E. Mucci, Rt. 2, Ridge Ave., Cochection Turnpike, Newburgh, N. Y., enclosing 1948 dues for her husband, saying it is a bit early but she wants to make sure they are paid so they don't miss The Octofoil.

Letter from John J. O'Grady, formerly with 9th Recon. Troop. John is now manager of the Wilke Pipe Shop, located at 400 Madison Ave., New York 17, N. Y.

Card from A. M. Vaiani, 507 23rd St., Galveston, Tex., former Captain Co. B, 60th. Sends best regards to all ex-"Go Devils."

Guy Jones, formerly A Co., 47th, advises he was married on Sept. 27, and he sure likes married life. Congratulations and here's wishing you a lifetime of happiness. Guy's new address is 6408 N. Clarke St., Chicago, Ill.

Letter from Walter J. Stasiak, formerly 34th Field, now living at 1454 W. North Ave., Chicago 22, Ill., stating he has not received The Octofoil since last May. For some unknown reason Walter's address was not changed on the mailing list, but the change is now being made. Apologies, Walt, for this oversight. Everyone was glad to hear from you. Don't wait so long next time before letting someone know about these things.

Letter from William J. Mooney advising of new address—1373 E. Maple St., Glendale 5, Calif. Walter was First Lieut. with 39th, and thanks the Association for The Octofoil. Says it affords him a great deal of reading enjoyment.

John Saquella writes in change of address; now living at 1848 44th St., Pennsauken, N. J. Sends his best regards to all his pals from Co. A, 47th, and tells them he would like to hear from them; also says he can't wait until the next Reunion in Philly. See you then.

Letter from Cornelius J. Manhart, formerly with 47th. He is anxious to receive the history and has been advised that the history should be ready for distribution shortly after the first of the year. Manhart now lives at 413 S. 5th St., Harington, Kansas.

Irving Scott, formerly S-2 2nd Bn., 60th Inf., writes from Paris, France, stating he will be located there for some time. His new address is 8 Rue de Verneuil, Paris VII, France. If any of you fellows want to get in touch with any dear old friends who you left behind in Paris or thereabouts, drop Irving a line; he'll be glad to look into the situation.

Letter from Sgt. Larry J. Morgan, formerly with 47th, now located on R. F. D., Box 967, Pittsburg, Calif.

Letter from Howard Mueller, formerly B Co., 47th, giving new address as Box 17, Wilson Center, Norman, Okla. He is now enrolled in the School of Art at the University of Oklahoma, and is finishing up his degree work in Commercial Art.

Letter from M/Sgt. Verne D. King, AGF Board No. 3 Det., Fort Benning, Ga.: "I guess I have been too darn lazy to write before. Yes, I came back into the Army after staying a civilian for only 34 days. The mills are a lot tougher work than I now do in the Army. That life isn't for me any more. I came back in as a T/Sgt., then last April I was made a M/Sgt. Some of the boys of L Co., 47th will laugh when they find out 'King' is now a M/Sgt. I would like very much to have the addresses of John Mangam, Archie Heath and Ralph Tischer. They are all former L Co., 47th boys. I am very sorry I couldn't make the last Reunion but next year I have high hopes of being there. I will also add there has never been and never will be an outfit to compare with the Ninth Infantry Division."

Letter from Mrs. W. F. McHune, P. O. Box 714, Winston-Salem, N. C. Writes in for 60th History. Her husband, Pfc. Warren F. McHune served with C Co., 60th, until he was killed March 4, 1945. She also wants information concerning his death. If anyone reading this knows anything about the circumstances, please write to her. He was seriously wounded March 1, 1945, and later reported to have died at the 102d Evac. Hospital.

Letter from David C. Cottrell, 81½ Laurel Ave., Neptune City, N. J.: "I certainly do look forward every month for my Octofoil. I think you're doing a grand job with it. Keep up the good work, for we fellows are glad to read about our buddies and things that are happening since our discharge. By the way, what is the matter with the fellows in the Anti-Tank Co., 39th Infantry? So far I've only seen one name, that was Norman R. Fowler. Is it possible for you to tell me whether or not I may use the Triple A Bar-O and the Division Insignia. I'd like to use it on my truck, if permissible." (Note: It may be used on your truck provided no commercial use is made of the insignias.) "Since becoming a civilian I have had the honor of becoming a proud father of a son. Enclosed is the long owed dues for 1947 Octofoil and membership." (Note: How about the rest of you fellows getting on the ball and sending in your 1947 dues? Do it now—don't put it off any longer; time's a-wasting!)

Letter from Joseph C. Randazzo, formerly 39th Infantry, now living at 801 West Ave., Buffalo 13, N. Y.: "I was discharged from the Army in June, 1945, after being with the 9th Division for 4½ years. I paid a fee of \$10.00 at that time to join the 9th Div. Association and as yet I haven't received one piece of literature from the Association. I understand the other boys are all receiving different items of interest. I believe when the clerk filled out my application he put Brooklyn instead of Buffalo. I would appreciate it very much if you would rectify this error. I would like to receive The Octofoil and also the History. Thank you very much for your prompt attention to this matter." (Note: You are correct as far as your address is concerned. It is listed as Brooklyn, but is being changed to Buffalo. Please do not wait so long next time before letting your troubles be known. The Association likes to keep the address files in good shape so you will receive all that is coming to you.)

Frank Heikkila, formerly 9th Division Signal Officer, writes from 50 Knowlton Ave., Kenmore, N. Y., requesting a list of 9th Division men in Buffalo area with a view toward starting a local chapter for that area. Frank works for Westinghouse. Such a list is being sent to him and it is requested that all men living in the Buffalo area get on the ball and help make this group into a live wire outfit. You have no one

better than Frank to start such a group. He is really a live wire and an organizer; all he wants is some cooperation and some good helpers.

Mrs. Howard H. Ford, mother of Howard H. Ford, Jr., who was with the 60th Inf., and killed in action in Normandy, is very anxious to hear from any of Howard's former buddies who were with him at the time of his death. Anyone who has any knowledge concerning this please write to his mother at 300 McKinley Place, Ridgewood, N. J.

Lt. Col. Arden C. Brill, Hq. 2nd Bn., 25th Infantry, Fort Benning, Ga., writes in that a group of former 9th men in and around Fort Benning are interested in starting a local down there. All of you located down that way get in touch with Col. Brill and pitch in and get a chapter started.

Letter from William A. Bannon, 1113 E. 34th St., Brooklyn 10, N. Y., sending in 10 bucks for a membership. Bill was formerly with the 60th, 3rd Bn., L Co., and is now in the real estate business at Flatbush Ave. and E. 34th St. He writes that he knows of other fellows who served with him and is writing to them to get them to join also. Welcome into the Association, Bill, and here's hoping you can get many more of your buddies to join.

Letter from Lt. Col. John S. Carrier, Summerville, Pa., enclosing \$5.25 to pay for copy of 60th History as well as membership fee for Wendelyn Keller of Long Prairie, Minn. John is giving this membership to Keller for a Christmas present. Thanks a lot John, and certainly Keller will appreciate your remembrance. John goes on to say he is still in the Army and has appeared before two retirement boards and both have recommended retirement but Washington says to wait a while longer. He is now on six months' sick leave and reports back on 17 February for further treatment.

Letter from Brig. Gen. Smythe, now stationed at Hdqtr. Third Army, Fort McPherson, Ga. Gen. Smythe writes in for a list of Georgia members in order to get started on organizing a local chapter. He also requested a list of 9th Division War Dead from the Georgia area in order to make arrangements to have representatives present at the Burial Ceremonies wherever possible. Best of luck to you General, in getting a Chapter started down in Georgia.

Letter from J. D. O'Rourke, formerly CO of Division Hdq. Co., writes from 404 E. Central Ave., Orlando, Fla., as follows: "Congratulations on the splendid job you fellows are doing with the Association and with the monthly newspaper. You may feel sure there are many of us who appreciate the time and effort you are devoting to this work." J. D. also says he met Frank Parrish, who was CO of C Co., 9th Medics, who also lives in Orlando. Frank had not known about the Division Association before meeting J. D. So J. D. states he has given him a copy of The Octofoil and feels sure we will have another new member before long.

Letter from Bruce A. Burnette, 901 S. Oak St., Champaign, Ill., sending in his 1948 dues. Bruce was with the 60th Inf., and states that this Ninth Division Association is the best and cannot be beaten by any other.

Letter from Rev. William C. Phillips, formerly Division Chaplain, now Minister to the Fifth Cumberland Presbyterian Church in Memphis, Tenn. Rev. Phillips writes in that he is very troubled to learn there is a slack in payment of annual dues which is causing some difficulty in publishing The Octofoil. He sends his 1948 dues in advance and says he is anxious to get a local chapter started for Tennessee. He is being sent the Tennessee membership list. All you guys in that part of the country get on the ball and get organized. Rev. Phillips says that at all costs let us keep The Octofoil going and adequately financed. Hundreds of former 9th Division men will seldom, if ever, get to attend the Reunions and The Octofoil will be their only contact with their former buddies. That is especially true of us here in the South for we can scarcely hope the Reunion will ever be very near. The Octofoil has been a splendid publication so far and let's find some way to keep it financed so that it may

continue to be that good, states Rev. Phillips. His address is 3442 Tutweiler Ave., Memphis, Tenn.

Mrs. Mae M. Spencer, Gold Star Mother, writes in to give her correct address as 239 Mosholu Parkway, Bronx 67, N. Y. She has received a letter from Brig. Gen. Edwin H. Randle, who first learned of her son's death from the last issue of The Octofoil. She also writes that she has met Tony Giacobbe of Hone Ave., The Bronx, who was the one who picked her son up from the battlefield. Thanks a lot fellows for getting in touch with Mrs. Spencer.

Mike Harnaga of 1194 St. George Ave., Linden, N. J., wrote in stating he was paying his membership initiation fee partially at this time which is perfectly okay. Secretary Tingley has received a goodly portion and knows Mike will take care of the remainder in a short while. Any the rest of you fellows who care to take care of initiation fee in a similar way, have no hesitancy in advising the secretary of your wishes.

A letter from Carl Polivy, one of the big guns in the Greater New York Chapter, states they have over \$100 in dues and memberships on the way to the Secretary. They plan on holding their meetings each month at the Hotel Times Square, last Friday of each month. All of youse guys in New York and the Bronx, get on over there and have a helluva good time.

Letter from Carl K. Brady, former M Co., 60th Inf., now living at 204 Morgan Ave., Mobile 18, Ala., asking for 60th History and lapel pin. They are on the way, Carl. He also states he is very interested in the Association and offers to help in any way possible, and wants to hear from any of his buddies.

Letter from Milton G. Haas, Blue Bn. of 60th, states he does not hear much from his former buddies. Come on fellows, let's hear from you. Milton is employed at the Monsanto Chemical Co. in Millstadt, Ill., and his home address is P. O. Box 137, same town.

Crespin C. Segovia of P. O. Box 791, Guadalupe, Calif., writes in that he enjoys The Octofoil, every word and every page. It brings back happy memories—and he would like to hear from his former buddies.

Jesse Hampton, from 905 E. Barlowe, Quitman, Ga., writes in and would like to hear from any former Hq. 1st Bn. 60th men.

Lee Chatfield, former Lt. Col. with 60th, now retired and located at the University of Nebraska, writes in stating he has been having a time getting the 60th History and enclosed a buck for four copies, one for himself and three for other 60th men located out there. You should have them by now Lee.

Chick Hennen, now living at 3455 Irving Ave., No., Minneapolis 12, Minn., writes in for 60th History; also sent a buck for four copies. Chick states he has met only one other Ninth man in Minneapolis, and requests a list of members so he can make some contacts. The list is on the way and here's wishing you the best of success in getting a local chapter going out that way.

John Celler of 39 Givens Ave., Stamford, Conn., writes in for 60th History and sends his best regards to former buddies from Co. B of 60th and asks when are they going to get the lead out of their pants and write. Let's go, you B Co. men, pick up your pens and start in.

Henry A. Dabrowski of 282 Semel Ave., Garfield, N. J., writes in for 60th History; also states he enjoys The Octofoil.

Lawrence E. McElwee of Sinking Spring, Ohio, writes in for 60th History; recently visited Ray Burlie, of 310 S. Main St., Marysville, Ohio, former buddy of Fox Co., 47th. Lawrence is operating a General Store in his home town and getting along fine. Also enjoys The Octofoil and is awaiting the Division History.

Ben Thielitz of Rt. 2, Plymouth, Wisconsin, formerly with Hq. Co. 3rd Bn., 60th, writes in for information on Division History; also for 60th History.

Post card from Bob Edwards, now living at Yazoo City, Miss., asks for information on Division History. It will be along about the first of next year, Bob, and in the meantime how about getting together with the other two men

from the Ninth who live in Yazoo City and find out who owes 1947 dues. Two out of the three of you have paid your 1947 dues. Let's get the third one in.

Letter from George H. Waller, 406½ West Chalmers St., Youngstown, Ohio, sending in his 1947 and 1948 dues. George would like to hear from the old bunch of Co. E, 60th Inf., and will answer letters that he gets from them. He also hopes to see a lot of the old gang at Philly next year.

Letter from Sgt. Steven Budrick, formerly Pfc. Co. G, 47th, now located at APO 957, care Postmaster, San Francisco, Calif., sends in his 1948 dues.

Leonard Castner, formerly with F Co., 60th Inf., sends in his dues and change of address to Postoffice Box 396, Glendale, Ariz.

Letter from Joseph J. Potosek sending his 1948 dues and change of address to 38 Park St., Turners Fall, Mass. Joe was with the 47th Inf.

Letter from John Newman, formerly with L Co., 60th Inf., sending in his 1947 dues and stating that he sure was glad the Association wasn't as careless about sending out The Octofoil as he was in sending in his dues.

Letter from William B. Johnson, ex-Sgt. from 47th, now living on Rt. 4, Edmond, Okla. He pays his 1947 dues and wants to try to clear up some misunderstanding about Jim Ciluffe, who he states was a replacement who joined the outfit after we crossed the Rhine at Remagen. He was in the second platoon of Charley Co. If he was a non-com, in Charley Co. I never knew it, for although I was transferred out into Military Intelligence the 29th of June after the war was over, I returned several times to visit the outfit as long as any of the boys I knew were there. He may have been made a non-com but I never found out about it. I don't suppose Pollinger remembers me because he was in the hospital when I joined the outfit but Paul V. Hersh and Ronald Lesno were two of my best friends. I'd like to hear from them and Poly too for that matter; also Harold Hendricks, Ira Price, Curtis Smyre, Herbert Lichfield, Tommy Curran, Jesse Owens, Combat Pay Grunt, Rhutan, Joe Elimoni, Bon Dittman and any of the other boys who would write. I don't have much spare time as I'm a Stillman in a gasoline refinery, but I'd sure answer their letters, says the ex-Sarge. Now you guys call his bluff and write him a few lines.

Letter from Daniel Doyle, 322 W. Mahanay St., Mahanay City, Pa., pays 1948 dues and wants to hear from his former buddies of C Co., 47th.

Letter from Jack D. Price, formerly with 1st Bn. Hdq. Co. 60th Inf., would like to hear from any former members of 1st Bn. Hdq. Co., Wire Section. Jack now lives on Rt. 3, Asheboro, N. C.

Letter from Major Cecil Loy Propst, formerly Division Chaplain, and now stationed at Hdqtrs. Army Air Forces Technical Base, Dayton, Ohio, in the office of the Base Chaplain. Major Propst has just recently received his regular army appointment.

Letter from Henry Santos of 105 Cleveland St., Pawtucket, R. I. He has just bought a house under the G.I. Bill and is in the retail grocery business and doing very well since August 23, 1945, or 18 days after he was discharged. He is in partners with another Vet and they now own two stores. He would like to hear from any of the boys in Co. A, 15th Engrs. He was transferred out of the Ninth in Sicily, going to Italy with Co. F, 540th Eng., and invaded Anzio and Southern France. Later transferred to Co. B, 303rd Engrs., 78th Div., where his combat days ended shortly before Christmas of 1944. After a couple of months in the hospital he landed with the 3109th Ord., 609th Bn., in Tidworth, England, and came home a T/5 in 1945. He would like to hear from any of the boys he was with from '41 to '43 in Sicily.

Letter from Philip Barreau, Richland Center, Rt. 3, Wisconsin, and he hopes to be able to be at the Reunion in Philly. Phil was with the 60th and is now very busy running a farm.

Card from former S/Sgt. John M. Sanborn, now living at 406 Woodland Ave., Wayne, Pa. John married on Oct. 4, 1947, to Miss

# MUSIC GOES ROUND AND ROUND... COMES OUT HERE

Dorothy C. Downey. Congratulations. John formerly was with A Co., 39th.

Letter from Henry M. Gruner, formerly with Military Govt. Section as an interpreter, now living at 344 N. Pennsylvania Ave., Morrisville, Pa., and employed as a metallurgist by the John A. Roebeling & Sons at Trenton, N. J. Henry sends his regards to all of his former buddies of the Military Government Section and would like to hear from any and all of them.

Letter from Johnnie L. Johnson, now living at 422 7th St., Alamosa, Colo., formerly with Hq. Co. 2nd Bn., 47th Inf. Johnnie asks if the \$10 initiation fee entitles such members to a copy of the History. It sure does and as soon as the book is ready for distribution your copy will be sent to you by first class mail. He writes that his wife enjoys The Octofoil as much as he does and they like the way the fellows keep in touch with one another.

(Enclosed in Johnnie's letter was a photograph that no doubt the boys would have enjoyed seeing in this issue of The Octofoil. Due to failure on the part of The Octofoil to properly advise Secretary Tingley the proper deadline on acceptance of photographs of making cuts the picture had to be left out. However it will be printed next month and promptly returned.)

Letter from Carl J. Hill, formerly with the 60th Inf., and he now writes in that he has been transferred back to the 60th Inf., M Co., Fort Dix, N. J. He also would like to contact any of his former buddies in and around Fort Dix.

Letter from Mr. Hyman Smith of 46 Grafton St., Brooklyn, N. Y., saying he is very anxious to pay his 1947 dues. Let's go, youse guys up there in New York—collect those dues and let Secretary Tingley have them.

Letter from Mr. C. G. Harris of Grayson, Ky., Box 73, informing the Association that his son, Cyrus W. Harris, formerly with the 899th T. D., died in Germany on 23 October, 1946.

Letter from T/4 N. A. Sbardella, 1108 ASU, Hq. Det. H. D. N. B. and N. B., Fort Adams, Rhode Island, formerly with 60th Inf., requesting information concerning next Reunion as he plans on being there.

Letter from Leo A. Henry of 113 E. Bloomfield St., Rome, N. Y., who is very interested in starting a local chapter for Upstate New York. A very personal friend, Robert S. Woodside of 207 S. Doxtater St., Rome, who was also with the Ninth, is also anxious to get a Chapter started. Any of you who live up around Rome and vicinity, let's get started and get an active chapter going.

(Ed.'s Note: Leo recently spent three days visiting in The Octofoil office in Columbus, O. He took the Reunion movie pictures back to Rome and advises Woodside has shown them so many times he believes Bob could hold a movie projectionist job now.)

Letter from James F. Hart, Jr., of 1805 Woodlawn Ave., Wilmington, Delaware, formerly with K Co., 60th Inf. Jim is looking forward to next convention in Philly and is also desirous of getting a local chapter started around Wilmington.

Letter from Bob Isaac of 4410 St., Philadelphia, Pa., writes in for 60th History; also says he has not heard from Philadelphia Chapter for some time. What's the trouble with the Philadelphia Chapter? Let's go and get on the ball.

Letter from Allen D. Babcock, of 646 E. Division St., Decatur, Ill., writes in for 60th History; also lapel pin. Both have been mailed.

Letter from Ralton M. Speers, of 37 Buckingham Drive, Albany, N. Y., formerly T/Sgt. Hq. 1st Bn. 60th Inf., who makes the suggestion that every 9th Division man read carefully the list of War Dead in the Local papers as they are returned and if they note any former Ninth Division men among the list to try to make arrangements to attend the burial ceremonies. Through this method and the local chapter cooperation, if there happens to be a local chapter in the area, I believe we can accomplish the best job.

Speers also makes the suggestion that the Association, through

the President of the Board of Governors, make efforts to send a letter to all Ninth War Dead families, as they are returned. This is an excellent suggestion but not a practical one in view of the limited personnel and volume of current work. The secretary's office is not in a position, as much as Secretary Tingley would like to do so, to try and contact each and every one of the families whose Ninth men are returned for local burial.

Letter from Jack W. Wilson, Canal Point, Box 113, Florida, formerly Co. B, 9th Medics, writes in that he would like to hear from his former buddies, especially Andrew J. Fiel, Jr., of 246 Garrett St., William Court, Portsmouth, Va. Jack also sent in his 1948 dues.

Mike Harnaga of 1194 St. George Ave., Linden, N. J., formerly with the 47th, writes in requesting a copy of a picture of D Co., 47th Inf., 1st Bn., which was taken at Fort Bragg, N. C., just before the Company left for North Africa, 8 November, 1942. Anyone who has a copy of this photograph please contact Mike, as he is very anxious to get a copy and will be glad to pay for having it made.

Lt. Col. Ray L. Inzer is now at the Percy Jones General Hospital at Battle Creek, Mich., and upon his release from the hospital he will be stationed at 4310 ASU, Office of Senior Instructor ORC, State of Texas, Austin, Texas.

Mrs. Ernest G. Arthur, mother of Pvt. Alphonse E. Arthur, is very desirous of hearing from any of her son's former buddies. Pvt. Arthur was with the 47th Inf. and killed in action in Germany. His remains were returned on the USAT Connelly and burial ceremonies were held on 12th November in Alexandria, Va. Mrs. Arthur's address is 218 East Oxford Ave., Alexandria, Virginia.

**Mike Kowbaugh Now Located In Endicott**

Mike Kowbaugh is living in Endicott, N. Y., and says he would like to hear from any of his old buddies, and among other things, Mike says he enjoys The Octofoil and doesn't want to miss an issue.

**John Popp Says The Octofoil Got Results**

John Popp, 520 N. 7th Street, Martins Ferry, O., recently asked The Octofoil to help him locate an old buddy. Writing a card of thanks, Popp says The Octofoil obtained the desired results and as a token of appreciation he submits the address of an old Co. B, 60th man, The Octofoil had been attempting to locate, who is none other than Mike Osovich who lived at Bridgeport, O., when he entered the service. His present address is Mike Osovich, 222 Kosciusko St., Toledo 8, Ohio.

**BILL DRAKE STAYS IN HOSPITAL FOR TWO LONG YEARS**

**HIS NEW ADDRESS IS ROUTE 1, 7081 MONROE ST., ANAHEIM, CALIF.**

Dear Sirs: Am writing to give you my new address as I do not want to miss any issue of The Octofoil. Would also like to hear from any of my buddies from Co. G, 39th Inf.

**HIT IN MARCH, 1945**  
I was hit on the 17th of March, 1945, a few days after crossing the Remagen Bridge and was discharged from the hospital the 7th of March, 1947, and believe me, two years of hospitalization was enough for me.

**MEETS BUDDY**  
While at Madigan General Hospital, Fort Lewis, Wash., I visited quite often with Jack Grinstead, also of Co. G, who was seriously wounded crossing the Remagen Bridge, and he would enjoy hearing from his friends.

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## BILL HILTON SENDS EXCELLENT FILMS

**WILL MAKE AN EXCELLENT FULL PAGE OF PICTURES FOR THE OCTOFOIL.**

Last month's Octofoil mentioned the fact Bill Hilton of the Greater Pittsburgh Chapter had promised to submit a series of color films he had made while attending the second annual Reunion in Columbus, Ohio.

Just a few days after this issue went in the mail Hilton came through with the films. They are far beyond expectations. One of the scenes will be noted in this issue of The Octofoil. Many of the others are close-up views and The Octofoil plans to get all the films processed into newspaper cuts and present to our members a full page of Convention highlight scenes previous to the Philadelphia Reunion. Many members who have never been able to attend a Ninth Division Association Reunion have no idea of the magnitude of the occasions—and this page of photos, thanks to Bill Hilton, will give them a mighty good idea of what they are missing every year.

**HAS A REAL COLLECTION**

Quoting from Hilton's letter: "I will try to get my overseas shots lined up and start sending them in a few at a time for publication in The Octofoil. If I were to send them all in at once, at the present rate of publication, it would take approximately 10 to 15 years to print all of them."

Those members who are dropped from the mailing list for non-payment of dues may have some idea now of what they are going to miss out on in future issues.

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## WILTON TAYLOR SENDS IN MORE INTERESTING DATA

The Octofoil's old standby, Wilton M. Taylor, 100 1/2 Taylor St., Taft, Calif., comes through with some more newsy notes that will prove of interest to the members.

Excerpts from Taylor's letter:

October 22, 1947.  
Dear Paul: A strange coincidence: Today is the day five years ago we sailed for North Africa from Newport News.

**HEARS FROM GEN. SMYTHE**  
Just received a nice letter from Gen. George Smythe, our former 47th C.O. He passes the news on to the fellows the book called "St. Lo," published by the Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C., for \$1.25. It tells of the 47th's action in that section.

**MORE PICTURES**

I will have more material soon for The Octofoil. I am taking two weeks off visiting my home, Sunset, Texas, and will get some shots made at Safi.

The National Geographic Magazine has some pictures that will be of interest to Octofoil readers. The subjects include the bridge we crossed, the Potomac, on maneuvers in 1942; also the "Thomas Store," the ship we used on maneuvers. Also pictured is a 39th boy in a Paris Red Cross doughnut kitchen with his AAA-O helmet marking showing plain as day.

**SAW CAPT. RACKSTRAW**

I saw former Captain Leonard Rackstraw of the 47th at Palo Alto, Calif., recently, and sends his best wishes to all. He also saw Lt. Henry G. Phillips recently, of Fort Lewis, Wash. He, too, sends his best wishes.

Please extend my best wishes to all former Ninth men.

**WILTON M. TAYLOR.**  
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**BETTER THAN "C" RATIONS**

The G. I. romance marriage of Morris Adelson, of San Francisco, and Sonia Adelson, his overseas bride, went to crumbs, you might say. Mrs. Adelson obtained a divorce in Frisco on the grounds that her husband ate such things as smoked salmon and potato chips in bed.

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## THE PAST IN REVIEW

**Decembers to Remember**

1940—

**Fort Bragg:** New barracks, Christmas furlough and passes, "21 Dollars a Day, once a month."

1941—

**For Bragg:** Returning from maneuvers, Pearl Harbor, guarding war installations, "Welcome Neighbor Day" in Fayetteville, first Christmas at war.

1942—

**North Africa:** Safi, Algiers, Port Lyautey. Parade in Casablanca for Raiders in midst of 237-mile foot scorch, Arabs, eggs, Vino (Vin Blanc), watered beer and the Mamora Cork Forest.

1943—

**England:** Winchester and vicinity, passes, real barracks once again; citation for 60th's 2nd Battalion. "Any gum,

chum?" Yuletide parties for kids who have had too much austerity; English mist and civilization.

1944—

**Germany and Belgium:** On to the Roer via the Huertgen, Schlich, the Geichs, Merode, Mariaweller and Dueren. The Bulge . . . snow, and more snow, blizzards, trench-foot, frostbite, Monchau, Hofen, Konzen, Kalterherberg . . . Third and roughest Christmas overseas.

1945—

**Germany (Occupation):** Bavarian winter . . . Rosenheim, Wasserburg, Ingolstadt, Dachau and vicinity. Tours and overshoes, rest and recuperation leaves, Christmas in peace!

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## REV. WILLIAM C. PHILLIPS PASTOR OF THE 5TH CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, DOWN IN MEMPHIS, TENN.

The following letter received from Rev. William C. Phillips, Minister, Fifth Cumberland Presbyterian Church in Memphis, Tenn., is self explanatory and is greatly appreciated by The Octofoil. Chaplain Phillips' address is 3442 Tutweiler Ave., Memphis, Tenn. He'd be glad to hear from any of you fellows:

Dear Plunkett:

This is Chaplain Phillips, former Division Chaplain, writing. I continue to get quite a number of letters from relatives and families of former Ninth Division men whom we left behind at St. Mere Eglise, Henri-Chapelle and other cemeteries in Africa, Sicily, France, Belgium, etc. They ask for information about their loved ones and in most cases I can only tell them that I conducted the burial services at such a time and place and give the location of the grave. It has occurred to me that after giving them such information as I have I might pass the request on to you to be printed in The Octofoil on the chance that some former buddy might see it and write to the bereaved family.

### WRITE POPHAM'S MOTHER

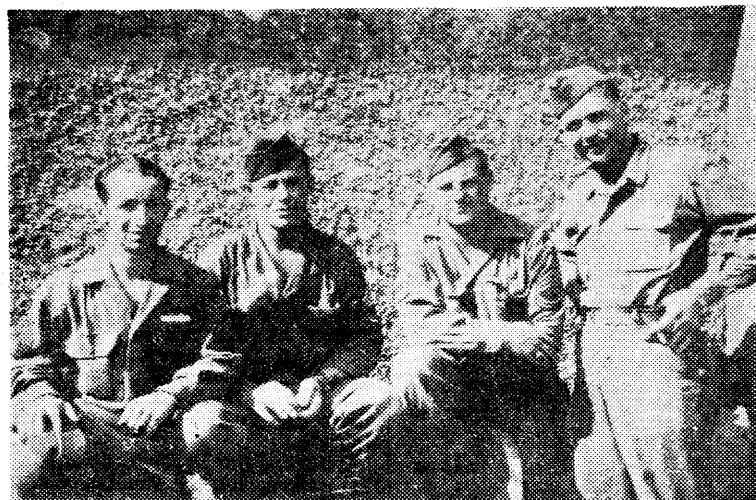
I have now such a request concerning Pfc. John W. Popham, formerly of Co. K, 60th Inf., who was killed on Sept. 17, 1944. Will you ask that anyone who has any information at all concerning the circumstances of his death, or who was even acquainted with him, will write his mother, Mrs. Leo Boeche, 3346 Riley St., San Diego 10, Calif.

### THANKS FOR KIND WORDS

And now let me express my appreciation of the fine job you are doing with The Octofoil. The finest praise that I can think of is that it is done in true Ninth Division style and that means that it couldn't be done better. I trust the fellows will rally to its assistance by paying up dues and getting new members for the Association. There aren't many veterans of the 9th in these parts but I am going to see Capairt Southworth (former 60th Inf. Personnel Officer) and try to get everyone into the Association even if we can't have a Chapter.

Sincerely yours,  
WM. C. PHILLIPS.

## Where's the Missing Fraulein?



Walter Pasch, 153 S. Main St., Clintonville, Wis., sends this photo, taken at Camp Wilson (Ingolstadt, Germany): Left to right: Laima, Burton, Pasch and Gilbert.

### RECRUITING WAS TOUGH!

Brother, recruiting was really a tough proposition back in the 1860s! George Laramee, the only living Canadian to serve in the American Civil War, celebrated his 110th birthday at Victoria by recalling: "A Yankee slipped me a Mickey Finn and when I sobered up I was a scout for the 13th Wisconsin Regiment and served with the outfit during the whole war."

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### SEEK INFORMATION AS TO A COUPLE OF 47TH MEN

**Co. C, 47th—**Pvt. John S. Loomis, reported killed in German prison camp; Stalag 12-A, on Dec. 23, 1944. Anyone who knew John should drop a few lines to Earl Loomis, R.R. 4, Salem, Ill.

**Co. L, 47th—**Would like to hear from all my old buddies in this outfit. Arvid G. Strand, St. Peter, Minn.

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# THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD, I SHALL NOT WANT...

## Members Are Given Final Opportunity to Pay Respects to Buddies Who Fell Over There.

The following is a list of Ninth Division War Dead returned from Henri Chappelle Cemetery, Eupen, Belgium, on USAT Joseph V. Connolly, arriving in New York City October 26, 1947.

There may be a few omissions, but Secretary Tingley worked under difficult circumstances in making the list. Any errors or omissions will be corrected at a later date.

Because of the limited number of funeral cars available it might be even at this late date many of the bodies have not arrived at their destination. Members living near the next-of-kin of these 9th boys should contact the relatives and offer to be of service if the next-of-kin are in need of any assistance.

### The Benediction

The Octofoil called Bishop Michael Ready's office and appealed for spiritual guidance in preparing this list of Ninth Division buddies. Father John Wolf, a World War II Auxiliary Chaplain, at the Lockbourne A. A. B. submitted the following, and there were a lot of unashamed moist eyes on the premises after the good Father's Benediction was read, which follows:

Not amidst the thundering legions of victory do they return, but solemnly, silently and single file—their mortal remains enveloped in the folds of the Flag for which they fought. The bullet of their souls has been spent, and has gone back to the God who made them; there remain to us only the dear bodies, the empty cartridges, as pledges of their supreme love and loyalty. We shall treasure these keepsakes as America's most precious jewels.

God is not One to be outdone by generosity. For each of these brave men He has reserved a worthy recompense. The soldier who dies to save his brethren, and to defend the hearth and altars of his country, reaches a very high degree of charity. "Greater love than this no man hath, than to lay down his life for his friend." God will be merciful with them because they were generous and whole-hearted in their sacrifice. Much is forgiven them because they loved much.

May the sight of the remains of these, America's own dear sons, fire us with a spark of their burning zeal and unselfishness. The world has grown cold through selfishness. God grant that the silenced lips of these fallen heroes may speak to our own hearts a continuous sermon on the spirit of self-sacrifice and charity, upon which all lasting peace is founded.

O God, into Thy Hands we commend their spirits. And may their bodies, covered by the grandest Flag on earth, remind us all that freedom is bought with a great price.

The K.I.A.'s name is given first, rank, service connection, and then the next-of-kin:

#### ALABAMA

Gomillion, James B., Pfc., 47th, Mrs. Hellon I. Gomillion, McKenzie, Ala.  
Hobbs, George B., Pfc., 39th, Mrs. Gladys J. Hobbs, General Delivery, Cironelle, Ala.

Horton, Glover W., Jr., Pfc., 39th, Glover W. Horton, Sr., Rt. No. 1, Jackson, Ala.

#### ARIZONA

Miguel, Ernie, Pfc., 39th, Patrick Miguel, Yuma, Ariz.

#### ARKANSAS

Cordes, Richard E., Pvt., 39th, Ben H. Cordes, Rt. 4, Springdale, Arkansas.

Cunningham, Adolph E., Pfc., 60th, James F. Cunningham, Rt. 1, Box 60, Malvern, Ark.

Harkins, Eugene H., Pfc., 60th, Jim D. Harkins, Rt. 1, Ward, Ark.

Huett, Vernon R., Pfc., 47th, Mrs. Carrie M. Huett, Gen. Del., Salem, Ark.

#### CALIFORNIA

Bean, Paul B., Pvt., 39th, Mrs. Marjorie H. Bean, 131 11th St., Santa Rosa, Calif.

Fasani, Adam, Sgt., 60th, Mrs. Orsula Fasani, 136 Stayan St., San Francisco, Calif.

Hayes, Ross A., S/Sgt., 39th, Mr. Albrt I. Hayes, Rt. 2, Box 293, Sonoma, Calif.

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Lawson, Arthur A., Pvt., 39th, Mr. Alexander B. Lawson, 1199 Cornell Ave., Berkeley, Calif.

Penney, Bealie D., Cpl., 47th, Mrs. Mary E. Culver, P. O. Box 161, Sunnymead, Calif.

Robles, Albert O., Pvt., 60th, Mr. Leocadio Robles, 816 N. Eastern Ave., Los Angeles, Calif.

Sayles, Malvin C., Pfc., 47th, Mr. Melvin H. Sayles, 582 Douglass St., San Francisco, Calif.

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#### COLORADO

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Denmark, Travis W., S/Sgt., 60th, Willie R. Denmark, 2795 Fleming St., Jacksonville, Fla.

Knight, Carlton D., T/4, 60th, Mrs. Louie B. Knight, 510 Bryson St., Live Oak, Fla.

Powers, Louis H., Sr., Pvt., 60th, Mrs. Violet M. Powers, P. O. Box 163, South Bay, Fla.

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#### GEORGIA

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Conner, Walker B., Pfc., 60th, Mr. Mitchell Walker Conner, Rt. 2, Tifton, Ga.

Ferrell, Melvin L., Pfc., 47th, Mr. W. H. Ferrell, Main St., Boston, Ga.

Parker, Willard H., Pfc., 60th, Mrs. Nellie B. Parker, 115 West Liberty St., Savannah, Ga.

Shields, Lelan, Pvt., 60th, Delar Shields, Cisco, Ga.

Tyson, J. D., Pfc., 60th, Mr. Jessie D. Tyson, Rt. 2, Vidalia, Georgia.

Wilkes, John R., Sgt., 60th, Otis W. Wilkes, Rt. 1, Vienna, Ga.

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Ebberts, Jack, Cpl., 39th, William Ebberts, Sr., Challis, Idaho.

Ospital, Raymond, Pfc., 39th, John Ospital, 315 E. Second St., Burley, Idaho.

Young, Charles J., Sgt., 60th, Charles A. Young, Shoeshone, Idaho.

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Davis, Richard L., Sgt., 47th, Co. I, Mrs. Margaret O. Davis, Rt. 2, Benton, Ill.

Fairburn, James R., Pfc., 39th, Mr. James Fairburn, 347 S. Main St., Farmington, Ill.

Fuller, Robert L., Jr., Pfc., 60th, Robert L. Fuller, Sr., Maquon, Ill.

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Lump, Frank C., Pfc., 39th, Mr. Casper Lump, 4538 N. Whipple St., Chicago, Ill.

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O'Donnell, James, Sgt., 60th, Mrs. Genevieve O'Donnell, 2144 E. Adams St., Springfield, Ill.

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Schwarze, Albert H., Pfc., 60th, Henry O. Schwarze, 1694 N. Church St., Decatur, Ill.

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Croley, Thomas G., Pvt., 47th, Mrs. Nannie T. Croley, Nevisdale, Ky.

Mills, Oscar, Pfc., 39th, Mr. Clark Mills, Flat Lick, Ky.

Sallee, Joe, Pfc., 39th, Mrs. Rosa E. Sallee, Rt. 1, Munfordville, Ky.

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Shifflett, William J., S/Sgt., 60th, Mr. Emory J. Shifflett, 22 Elizabeth St., Hagerstown, Md.

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Wissig, George L., Jr., Pvt., 47th, Mrs. Maude R. Wissig, 4000 Edmondson Ave., Baltimore, Md.

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Crothers, Walter J., Cpl., 39th, Mrs. Elizabeth Crothers, 50 Depot St., Box 306, E. Douglas, Mass.

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Kantala, Leon W., Pvt., 60th, Mrs. Esther L. Kantala, 114 Granite St., Rockport, Mass.

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## IRV SCOTT SENDS INTERESTING ARTICLE FROM FRENCH PAPER

Irving Scott, 8 rue de Verneuil, Paris, France, under date of Oct. 30, 1947, sends a very interesting article clipped and then translated from a Paris newspaper.

Scott particularly calls the members' attention to the 377 Algerian patriots who befriended the Ninth Division when the African Invasion was made.

### SUGGESTS CITATIONS

In another part of his letter, Scott calls attention to that portion of the Association's Constitution "Do all in our power by educational means to preserve an everlasting peace," and proposes locating these loyal Frenchmen and showing the Ninth's appreciation by presenting them with suitable citations that will express the friendship of the men of the Ninth Division for their brothers-in-arms.

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### THE DAY THE WAR WAS WON

... The Great Turning Point of 8 November, 1942.

By PIERRE PARJOT

(Editor's Note: Pierre Parjot (Admiral Parjot) who participated as a naval counselor at an interview which was conducted the 21st of October, 1942, and which hastily cast a plan of coordination between the Allies and the North African Resistance Forces, here retraces, as a historian, the extraordinary strategic success resulting from the American landing in North Africa):

### AFRICAN LANDING WON WAR

In June, 1945, when General Eisenhower was received officially at Paris in the enthusiasm of victory, a journalist posed the following question:

"What, for you, was the most difficult day of the war?"

And the American general answered without hesitation:

"The night of 7 to 8 November, 1942, eve of the landing in North Africa, because we did not know what we were going to find."

### GERMAN AGREES

Strangely enough, on the very same day when the Allied Commander-in-Chief made this declaration, the German General Jodl, who had been personal operations counselor for Hitler, declared in the course of his interrogation as a prisoner of war at Elmsburg:

"The greatest surprise that we received in the course of the war was the Allied landing in North Africa. The arrival in Algeria caught us completely off guard."

These two opinions measure the importance of 8 November, 1942, as a decisive turning point of the war: the German High Command was as much surprised by the arrival of the Americans as Eisenhower was concerned as to what they were going to find there.

### TOUCH AND GO

The history of 8 November shows, in effect, that events were touch and go, and the chances of success or failure almost equal. Is it necessary to share the opinion of one of the narrators of 8 November, who said: "One does not know which to admire the most, the audacity of Churchill and Roosevelt, the blindness of the Germans, the negligence of Vichy, or the blind incredulity of the French resistance?" Such an opinion badly reflects the facts. Vichy was not negligent, and the Germans were not blind. On the Allied side the most remarkable fact was the choice of the date and conservation of the secret.

As for the French, a very small number knew of the operation in advance. The American reticence was perhaps excessive. It failed to disclose to those interested too large a part of the plan, and that defiance cost dear in American lives, and even in French lives. If the decision of the Allied Command can be judged entirely remarkable, the imperative need to select a date before winter, that is, before Hitler made a decisive gesture in the Caucasus or in the Mediterranean, it is that the Allied strategists were forced to content themselves with land forces that were very limited—perhaps insufficient to capture quickly a territory so vast and defended by 125,000 men sworn

to obedience to Vichy. Also, the intervention of the French resistance in neutralizing more or less the orders of Vichy at the essential place—Algiers—had to furnish the indispensable difference between the success or failure of the operation, hazardous in any case, and with whom success was achieved in less than 16 hours, success which permitted the French Army in the ten days following to cover the Allied landing in spite of the Axis forces in Tunisia.

### THE IMPORTANCE OF THE PORT OF ALGIERS

Now, the ports indispensable to the Allies, the authorities of Vichy refused sullenly, tried to bottle them up, killed French soldiers and sailors by their absurd defense, sacrificed a part of the French fleet. One single port was accessible from Monday morning, 9 November, the port of Algiers. It was open, thanks to a "cease fire" arranged by the French Resistance led by General Juin, and which remained one of the most decisive events of the war.

### 377 MEN RESPONSIBLE

This precious port was acquired because a few hundred patriots, 377 exactly, most of them young men, all of them "Gaullists," in paralyzing the defense, whose responsible officers made the decision to treat with the Allies before the situation developed, revealed themselves as patriots. The defense of Algiers counted, however, 11,000 French soldiers sworn to obey the Vichy government, and another 20,000 armed Vichyites. It was the 377 patriots of Algiers, including two Generals, Mast and Montsabat, who permitted the Allies to land at Sidi-Ferruch to be greeted by friendly signals and not by fire-arms; to be led in a few hours to the aerodrome at Blida—airport indispensable to Allied planes in their push to the east, and to encircle Algiers without firing a blow, and finally to sign a truce with a French General—General Juin—the very same day; a truce which was already a pact of alliance.

### BATTLE WAS WON

By the evening of the first day the decisive event had occurred. From then, the battle was won. The reverse was made.

In fact, the two days following the treaty of Algiers placed at the disposition of the Allies all of the ports and aerodromes of North Africa at the most critical moment of the war.

### THE SUBMARINE WAS STRANGLER, THANKS TO THE FRENCH BASES

As for the naval plan, the bases thus acquired permitted the mastery of the submarine warfare in its strongest point of concentration. Thanks to the French aerial bases of Morocco and Algeria, added to those of Gibraltar, 64 aerial attacks were launched against U-boats in the latter half of the month of November. In the course of the following months, the effect of these attacks was especially fruitful. The loss in tonnage which in 1942 had been 700,000 tons for the month of November alone as a result of the German submarine warfare, fell to 350,000 tons in December.

### OTHER RESULTS

Among other results of the 8 November landing were the following:

1. Rommel's forces were destroyed in Tunisia.
2. The reopening of the Mediterranean in May which saved the Allied one-third of their tonnage.
3. The encirclement from the south of the "Fortress Europe" and the launching of strategic aerial attacks on Central Germany in August.
4. The foundering of Italy in September.
5. The fixing of 24 German divisions on the Italian front from October, 1943, which facilitated the landing in Normandy.

### TAKE INITIATIVE

Thus, for the first time—the 8th of November, 1942, the initiative was taken from Hitler.

### CRUCIAL DAY OF WAR

Strategically, 8 November, 1942 was truly the crucial day of the war, and on this crucial day, alongside the Americans and the British, the French played a de-

## WATCH FOR COMMIES

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quering 200 organizations in America."

### ASK FOR VOLUNTEERS

At one of our regular meetings the "old timers" veterans of the first war asked for volunteers to help record minutes, collect dues, and sell tickets for an organized benefit.

Strangely, the same men volunteered to do all the work and those that didn't thought they were "swell guys." A few of us noticed that before long these "swell guys" were running things their own way. However, as proven a few months later, these "volunteers" were local Communists and had pretty near succeeded in poisoning the minds of many veterans before they were ousted. Of course, after their exposure, their subtle propaganda lost its effect and the chapter became normal again.

### SHOULD BE ALERT

This never would have happened if the veterans were alert and had spotted the red tinge before it gained headway. As a veteran of World War II make it your duty to challenge any statement made by any individual who proposes to change our American way of life, offers to spread all the wealth in America (but his own) among all the other people in the country, or denounces our present form of government.

### EXPOSE THEM

As a veteran, make it your duty to ferret out these Communist agents and expose them. Don't sit idly by waiting for the "other guy" to do it first. For if we wait too long, it may be too late, and we may wake up one morning saluting the picture of Joe Stalin instead of the flag of the United States.

Be ever cognizant of the warning sign that means so much to the future of every veteran of World War II, the sign that reads "Danger! Communism Ahead."

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## IT'S A GIRL AT THE SCHMIDTS' HOME

Art Schmidt, now living in Pittsburgh, writes he would like to hear from some of his old buddies from Co., M, 39th. But Art failed to give his street address. Maybe it was because he was so excited about an additional announcement he placed in the letter. If that is the case, it is excusable. Here's the announcement:

Diane Elaine joined our family chorus on Sept. 20, 1947. The scale shows 7 pounds, 7 ounces.

Parents: Margie and Art Schmidt.

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## Harold G. Hillhouse Died On 28 June '47

Under date of 28 October, 1947, Mrs. H. E. Hillhouse, Rt. 1, Gustine, Texas, advised Secretary Tingley of the death of her son, Harold G. (Tex) Hillhouse, formerly of Co. H, 60th Inf.

In behalf of all the members of the Association Secretary Tingley immediately expressed sorrow to Tex's relative.

Mrs. Hillhouse sent The Octofoil a negative of Tex with several of his 60th buddies. The negative was received too late to be processed for this issue but will rate a good position in the next issue.

Some of his buddies that Tex's mother often heard him speak of included Dick Caylor, J. W. Hafer, Ed Helix and William Daniels, and many others. All of these boys will grieve to learn that Tex has passed away.

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cisive role. Also, following 8 November, General de Gaulle was able to say: "In the new phase of the war which is now opening and which will lead us to victory against the principal enemy, Destiny has placed France in the full center of the action."

### GAULLIST ESPRIT

But to arrive at that final victory, 28 months of patient waiting were required, months of clandestine resistance and Gaullist esprit which intimidated Hitler himself and prevented him from putting a hand on North Africa before the decisive day.

## GEORGE WOOD, LONG MEADOW, MASS., EXPRESSES SOME BEAUTIFUL THOUGHTS

Gentlemen: Like all former members of the best Division in Uncle Sam's Army and at present just a plain civilian who is honored to be a member of the Association, I wish to thank you for the good you are doing.

My first year in the Ninth I often wondered, what did we have as an Army to look back on. What deeds had we performed as a Division. We were infants—our claim for recognition compared by others was nil. The more mature fighting units had colors, citations, etc., for which they had fought and won.

### PRESERVE OUR HONORS

Now, however, we as a Division have much to look back to—and all should strive to look into the future and know there is need for preserving what lies ahead—of keeping the spirit of comradeship ever present.)

We, as members of a team, did more than our part to overcome the tide of hate—we know well how great was our task.

### THE NEW NINTH

Our followers are young—even as we were—but they have no need for unanswered questions. They are a part of what we have completed—A proud, regal Division.

It is now up to them to carry on—and make certain that the Octofoil they wear is honorably respected and worn with great humility.

### KNOW EVERY STAR

They should be informed until every battle star is known. Not for one moment should a man leave the Division without being able to state facts—to fully comprehend the honor they have of being a part of the Ninth.

### MANY DO NOT KNOW

It has grieved me to speak to members of the Division recently and to find they know nothing about the Ninth's record.

Upon their sleeve is sewn with cloth a small insignia that was sewn with blood in Africa, Sicily and upon the Continent—and yet it is nothing to many of them.

### MEANS MUCH TO US

To all of us it is much. A small, round, colored patch that kept the light of freedom burning for an humbled, fear crazed world. The Octofoil today is able to make the heart of former members beat with pride and satisfaction. To make us recall the memory of buddies who have fallen—no more to rise.

A great deal should be done to acquaint the present members

with the history of our Fighting Ninth. And, much must be done by former members of the Division to keep our Association an integral part of their being.

### OCTOFOIL HELPS

Our Octofoil does much—old pals are found—and new found friends are made. But more must be done.

### HELP HOSPITALIZED

Not for one moment should we forget the debt we owe our buddies who are still hospitalized. It would benefit us if names and addresses were printed so we could write to these fellows who gave a little more than we have been called upon to relinquish. If possible, we could call upon these men and help in some way to make their climb to recovery certain. How forgotten and lost these men must feel. How happy and proud they could be if a friendly face was seen—a sincere handclasp felt.

(Editor's Note: The suggestion has been called to Secretary Tingley's attention and he advises The Octofoil, although too late for this issue, he is taking the proper steps that he hopes will afford information relative to former Ninth buddies still hospitalized.)

### THINK OF FUTURE

Yes we have done much in the past—the Association is doing a great deal at present. But we must not think of what has been done, but instead—"What will be done in the future ? ? ?"

Sincerely,

GEORGE C. WOOD,

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Formerly of "A" Btry., 84th F.A.

(Editor's Note: A later letter was received from George, contents of which will be used in a later issue. It contains many worthwhile suggestions for the betterment of the Association. One of the suggestions that will be brought to the attention of the Board of Governors in January is a request that the Board have manufactured a supply of frame files suitable for our members to keep preserved and intact all issues of The Octofoil. These files to be sold to the members for a small fee equivalent to the cost of manufacturing the items. The Octofoil thinks it an excellent idea and solicits expressions from other members in order that the Board will have some basis to work on when the proposition is submitted.)

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## Bob Vosbaugh and His Buddies



Bob Vosbaugh, General Delivery, California Polytech, San Louis Obispo, Calif., sends this group of his old-time buddies. Standing, left to right: Scott, Voga, Queenberry, Eskew, Ekhardt, Vosbaugh, Vandermeer. Kneeling: Ferrence and Sgt. Green, the Squad Leader.

Q—If I go to a private physician to determine whether I need hospital treatment or domiciliary care, will the government pay the cost of the examination?

A—The Government will pay the cost of examinations by a private physician only if Veterans Administration has given the physician prior authority for such examination.

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### IMPORTANT MAN!

When Mike Puzak went back to Pittsburgh after his hitch in the Army he thought the natives would be glad to see him—but the Chamber of Commerce records show the first four people he met on the street never heard tell of him and the next four didn't know he had been away.

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